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Mobile Hawk Handheld DPM Imager User's Manual



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About the Mobile Hawk Handheld DPM Imager

The Mobile Hawk Handheld DPM Imager is the world's highest-performance handheld imager. It easily reads any 1D or 2D symbol, including challenging direct part marks (DPMs). The Mobile Hawk combines MAXlite illumination with aggressive X-Mode algorithms.

The Mobile Hawk can be configured by reading Data Matrix symbols encoded with a wide variety of setup commands, or by using Microscan's **ESP®** Software.

About This Manual

This manual provides complete information on setting up, installing, and configuring the Mobile Hawk Handheld DPM Imager. The chapters are presented in the order in which the imager would be assembled, configured, and optimized.

Highlighting

Cross-references and web addresses are highlighted in **blue bold**.

References to **ESP**, its toolbar headings (Communications, Symbologies, I/O Parameters, etc.) and menu headings are highlighted in **Bold Initial Caps**.

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1 Quick Start

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This section is designed to get your Mobile Hawk Handheld DPM Imager up and running quickly so you can get a sense of its capabilities and test sample symbols. Detailed setup information for configuring the imager for your specific application can be obtained in the subsequent sections.

Your interface type will determine how data is received by your host. When sending data by USB, you must open a text editor in your host computer. When sending data serially, you must use a terminal program such as HyperTerminal or **ESP's Terminal view** (RS-232 only).

Check Required Hardware

Parts List for USB Mobile Hawk:

- One Mobile Hawk Handheld DPM Imager
- One 12 ft. USB cable (pre-attached to imager)

Parts List for RS-232 Mobile Hawk:

- One Mobile Hawk Handheld DPM Imager
- Cable clip attachment
- Spacer
- Two threaded screws
- RS-232 Interface Kit (Optional Accessory)
 - 8 ft. coiled R-232 cable
 - Power supply (U.S., Euro, or UK)

USB Interface

Note: The USB interface draws its power from the host computer.

USB Configuration

Item	Description	Part Number
1	Mobile Hawk Handheld DPM Imager	FIS-6170-0001G
2	USB Cable	Included

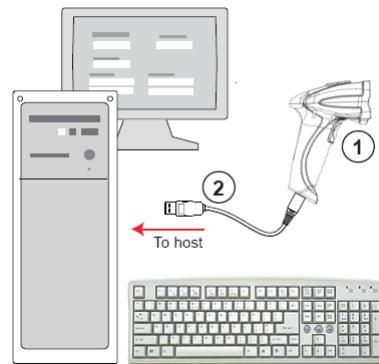
Installation Steps for USB

1. Connect the USB cable to the host.
2. Open any program in your host computer that can receive keyboard text, such as Notepad.
3. Read the **Reset to USB Factory Defaults** symbol below:



Reset to USB Factory Defaults

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If you want symbol data to be entered as keyboard text, read the USB Keyboard Mode symbol below:



USB Keyboard Mode

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USB Configuration

4. Read the **Save Settings** symbol.



Save Settings

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**Test Symbol
(ABCDEFGHIJKLMNP)**

RS-232 Interface

Note: Unlike USB, the RS-232 interface does not draw its power from the host computer.

RS-232 Configuration

Item	Description	Part Number
1	Mobile Hawk Handheld DPM Imager	FIS-6170-0001G
3	RS-232 Interface Kit (USA)	98-000074-04
	RS-232 Interface Kit (Europe)	98-000074-05
	RS-232 Interface Kit (UK)	98-000074-06

Installation Steps for RS-232

1. Power-off the host computer.
2. Connect the 8-pin mini-DIN on the cable to the Mobile Hawk.
3. Connect the 9-pin D-sub connector to the host computer's serial port.
4. Connect the cable to the power supply.
5. Plug in the power supply and power-on the host computer.
6. Start up a terminal program (such as **ESP's Terminal view** or **HyperTerminal**) and set to **57.6K baud, 8 data bits, none parity, and 2 stop bits**.
7. Read the **Reset to RS-232 Factory Defaults** symbol below.



**Reset to RS-232
Factory Defaults**

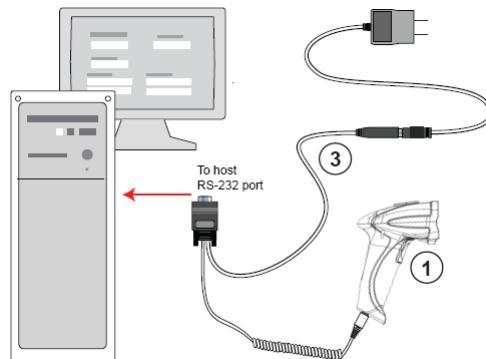
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Test Symbol
(ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOP)



RS-232 Configuration

8. Read the **Save Settings** symbol.

Install ESP

ESP Software can be found on the Microscan Tools CD that is packaged with the Mobile Hawk.

1. Follow the prompts to install ESP from the CD.
2. Click on the ESP icon to run the program.



Note: ESP can also be installed from the **Download Center** at www.microscan.com.

ESP System Requirements

- 166 MHz Pentium processor (Pentium II processor recommended)
- Windows Vista, XP, or 2000 operating system
- Internet Explorer 5.0 or higher
- 64 MB minimum RAM (128+ MB RAM recommended)
- 80 MB hard drive space
- 800 x 600 minimum 256 color display (1024 x 768 32-bit color recommended)

Important: The imager must be in one of the modes below to communicate with **ESP**.

USB	USB Connect Mode	
RS-232	RS-232 Connect Mode	



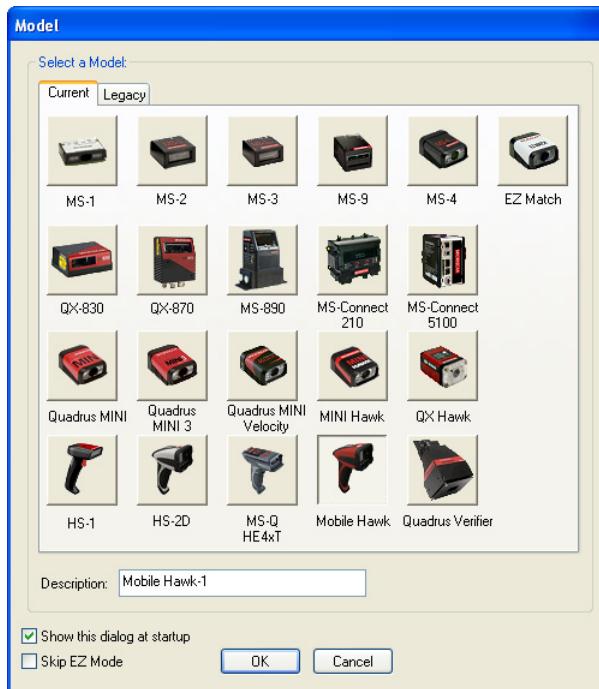
Save
Settings

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Select Model

Select Model

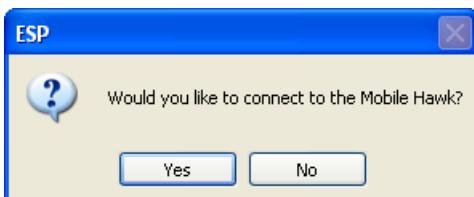
When you start **ESP**, the following menu will appear:



If you need to select another model later, click **Switch Model** at the top of the screen.



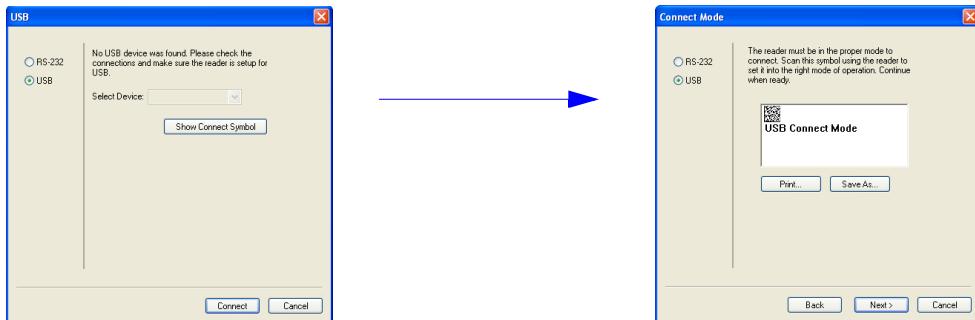
1. Click the Mobile Hawk button and then click **OK**. If you do not want to make this selection every time you start **ESP**, uncheck “Show this dialog at startup”.
2. Select the default reader name (**Mobile Hawk-1**), or type a name of your choice in the **Description** text field and click **OK**.
3. Click **Yes** when this dialog appears:



Select Protocol and Connect to Imager

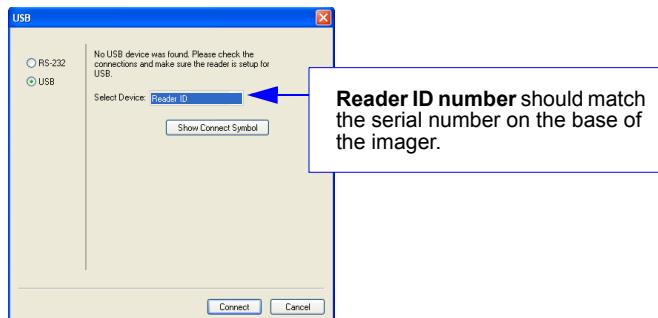
USB (Standard)

- In the **Select Protocol** dialog box, select the communications protocol you are using and click **Next**.



- Print the **USB Connect Mode** symbol (also shown in the **Install ESP** step) and decode it with the imager to ensure that you are in the correct communications mode. Keep the printed symbol in a convenient place for future use.
- Click **Next** when you are finished.

The **Select Device** dialog will then reappear:



- You will see a “Reader ID” number in the **Select Device** field. Click **Connect**.
- When you are connected successfully, the **CONNECTED** message will appear in a green box in the status bar at the bottom right of the screen.

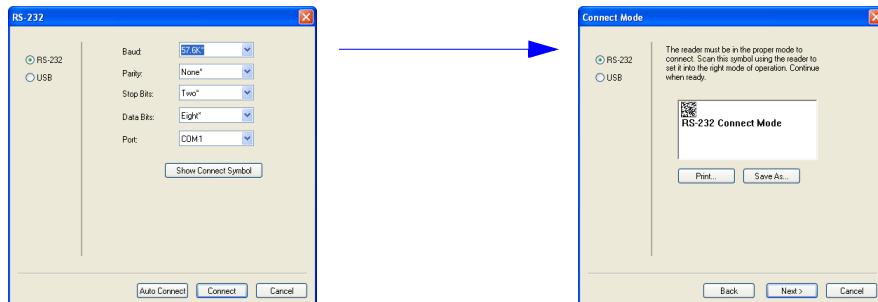


You are now ready to configure your imager using **ESP**. Subsequent sections provide more detailed information about **ESP**'s configuration options.

Select Protocol and Connect to Imager

RS-232 Option

- In the **Select Protocol** dialog box, select the communications protocol you are using and click **Next**.



- Print the **RS-232 Connect Mode** symbol (also shown in the **Install ESP** step) and decode it with the imager to ensure that you are in the correct communications mode. Keep the printed symbol in a convenient place for future use.
- Click **Next** when you are finished.
- The **Com Port** dialog will then reappear. Select which communications port you are using. If you don't see your communications port listed on the dropdown menu, select **Other**.



- Click **Connect**.
- When you are connected successfully, the **CONNECTED** message will appear in a green box in the status bar at the bottom right of the screen.

CONNECTED | Point-to-Point | COM1

If the connection attempt fails, enable a different communications port, check your port connections, and try again.

You are now ready to configure your imager using **ESP**. Subsequent sections provide more detailed information about **ESP**'s configuration options.

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This section is designed to help you understand the structure and application of **ESP**.

When you open **ESP**, unless otherwise specified in the **ESP Preferences** dialog accessible from the **Options** heading on the menu toolbar, you will enter **EZ Mode** for initial setup. From there, you can enter **Application Mode (App Mode)** and access several configuration menus (**Communications**, **Read Cycle**, **Symbologies**, **I/O Parameters**, a **Terminal** interface, and a **Utilities** interface).

ESP can be used to configure the Mobile Hawk Handheld Imager in the following ways:

- **Tree Controls:** Each configuration menu contains a list of all option settings that pertain to that specific element of imager operation. For example, the **Communications** menu shows a **Communications Mode** command, and then the options **RS-232 Serial**, **USB Keyboard**, and **USB Native (HID)**, all of which are accessible from a dropdown menu.
- **Graphic User Interfaces:** Settings can be configured using such point-and-click tools as radio buttons, tabs, spin boxes, check boxes, and drag-and-drop functions.
- **Terminal:** **ESP's Terminal** interface allows you to send configuration and utility commands directly to the imager by typing them in the provided text field.

EZ Mode

EZ Mode

The **EZ Mode** screen is the first thing you will see when you start **ESP**. **EZ Mode** will help you get your imager up and running quickly, and will acquaint you with the **ESP** interface.

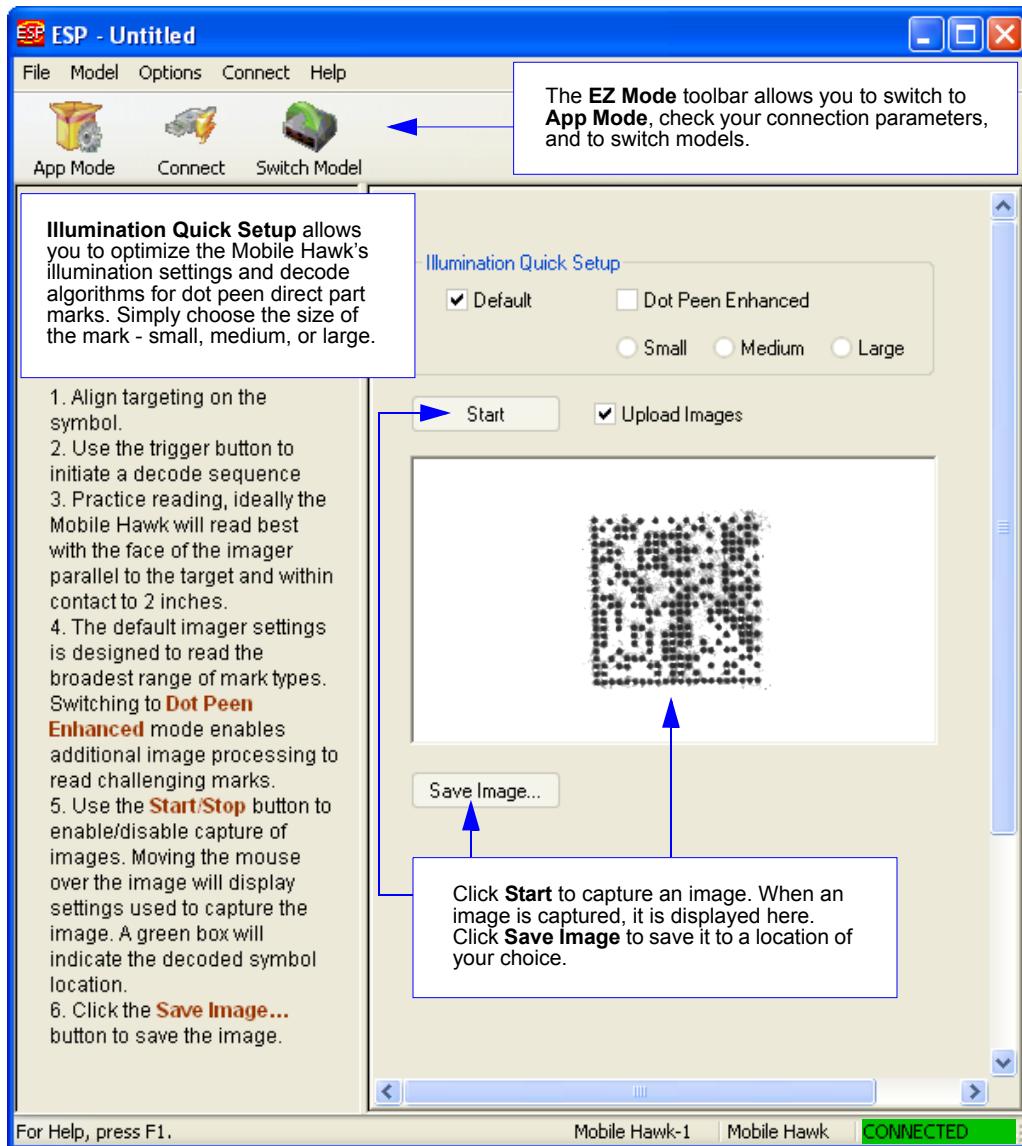
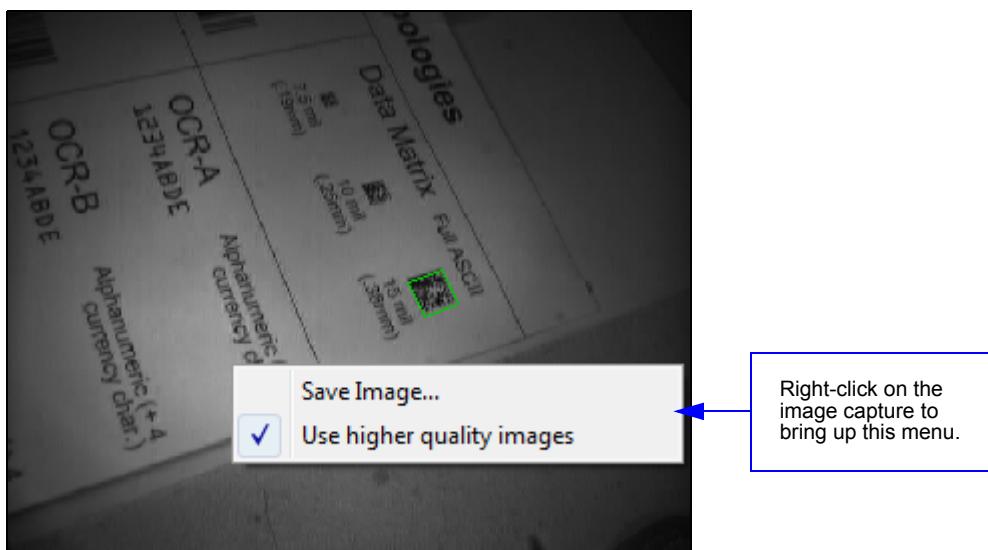


Image Quality

The video view in **EZ Mode** (and also on the **Video** tab in **I/O Parameters**) allows you to capture images from the Mobile Hawk for further analysis. If **Upload Images** is checked and you click the **Start** button, image captures will be uploaded automatically for every good read. Images will also be uploaded for every bad read, upon release of the imager's trigger. The saved image will be a 60% quality quarter-scale image by default.

You can right-click on a captured image to bring up the menu shown below. If you select **Use higher quality images**, ESP will send a command to the imager to save image captures as 80% quality full-scale images.

Note: The imager's illumination setup can be restored by clicking the **Default** box in the EZ Mode view. Refer to the **Basic Operations** section for more information about the Mobile Hawk's illumination capabilities.

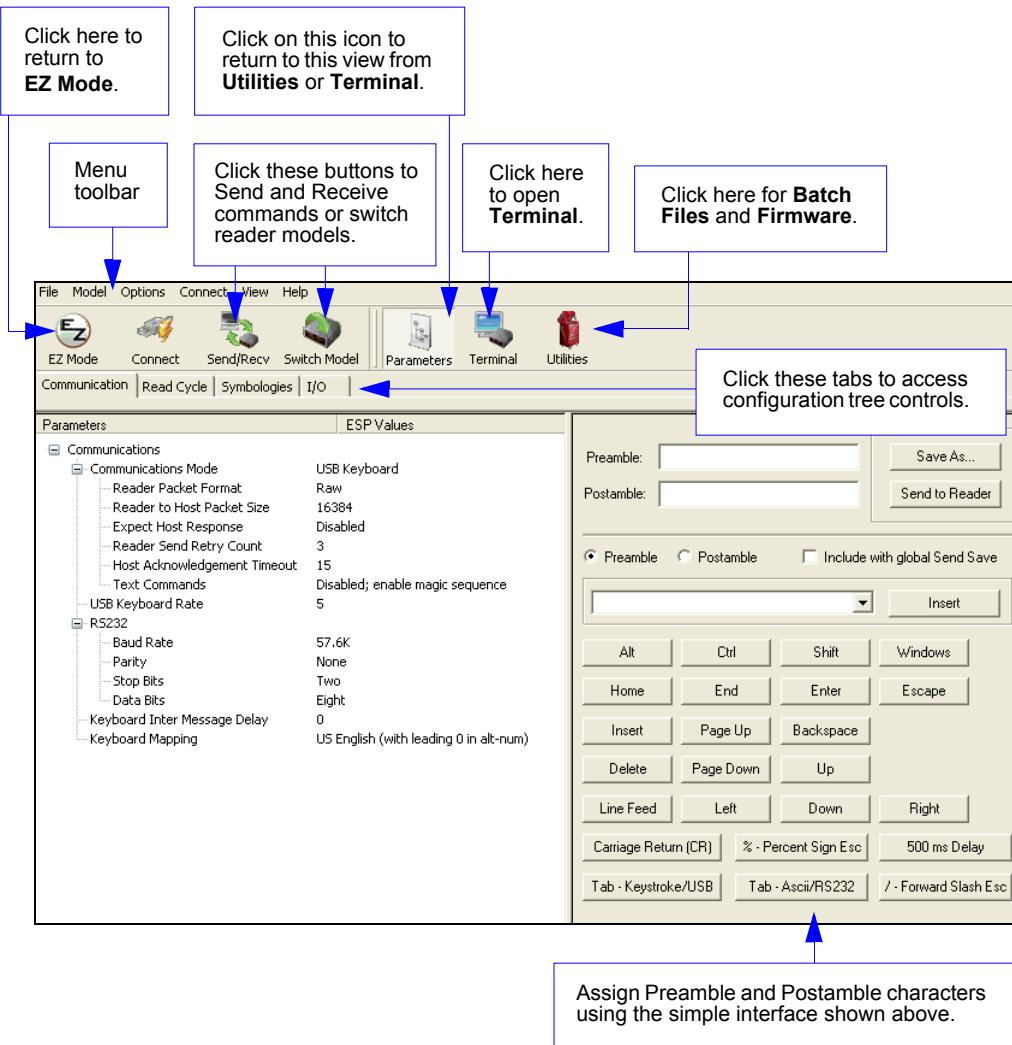


Note: Image size will vary depending on user settings for **Region of Interest**, and whether or not **Low Resolution Image** is checked in the **Illumination** dialog in ESP.

Image Save Mode	Region of Interest	Low Resolution	Final Image Size
Standard	1280 x 1024	No	640 x 512
Standard	1280 x 1024	Yes	320 x 256
Standard	800 x 600	No	400 x 296
Standard	800 x 600	Yes	200 x 144
High	1280 x 1024	No	1280 x 1024
High	1280 x 1024	Yes	640 x 480
High	800 x 600	No	800 x 600
High	800 x 600	Yes	400 x 296

Application Mode

Application Mode gives you access to a robust configuration environment, including tree controls that let you make precise changes to operation parameters, and graphic interfaces that make configuring your imager easy and intuitive.



Note: For specific information on any of the icons shown above in the operations bar or configuration bar, see corresponding sections.

Tree Controls

To make changes to configuration settings in the tree controls:

Parameters

	ESP Values
Communications	USB Keyboard
Communications Mode	Raw
Reader Packet Format	16384
Expect Host Response	Disabled
Reader Send Retry Count	3
Host Acknowledgement Timeout	15
Text Commands	Disabled; enable magic sequence
USB Keyboard Rate	5
RS232	
Batch Mode	Detect RS232*
Baud Rate	Detect RS232*
Parity	Assume Always Connected
Stop Bits	Two
Data Bits	Eight
Keyboard Inter Message Delay	0
Keyboard Mapping	US English (with leading 0 in alt-num)

1. Left click on the +/- to expand or collapse the tree.
2. Double click on the parameter and click once in the selection box to view options.
3. Place your cursor in the selection box, scroll down to the setting you want to change and click once on the setting.
4. Left click again on the open screen to complete the selection.
5. Right click on the open screen and select **Save to Reader** to implement the command in the imager.

The imager must be in one of the modes below to communicate with ESP.

USB	USB Connect Mode	
RS-232	RS-232 Connect Mode	



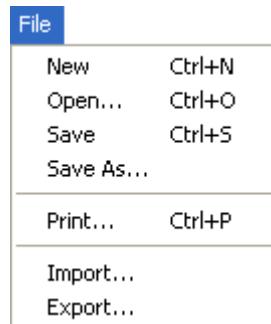
Save Settings

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Menu Toolbar

File > New

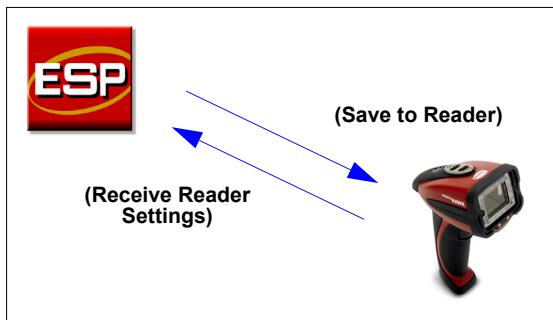
Whenever **New** is selected from the **File** menu, the default configuration of **ESP** is loaded.



Open / Save

When **Save** or **Save As** is selected, the **ESP** configuration is saved to the host computer's hard drive and available whenever the same file is selected under **Open**.

When you save menu changes to your hard drive, these changes are not saved to your imager. The diagram below shows how settings can be saved and received between **ESP** and the imager, and **ESP** and the host hard drive.



Import / Export

Import converts the ASCII settings from a text file to **ESP** configuration settings.

Export converts the active **ESP** configuration settings to an ASCII text file.

Model

The **Model** menu allows you to select between reader models. When you choose another model, the current connection with your present model will be terminated.



New Model

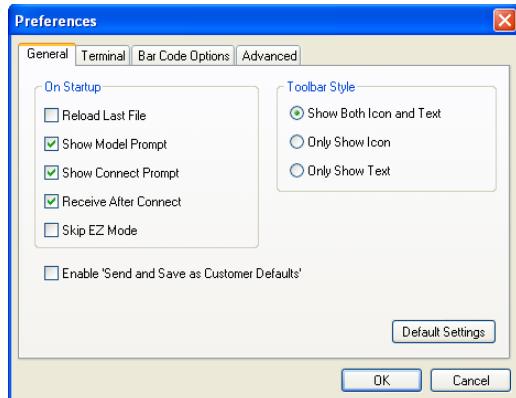
To connect to another model, select **New Model**, choose the model you want, and click **OK**. All models you have selected and enabled will continue to appear in the dropdown model menu. The **New Model** option is repeated when you click the **Switch Model** button on the top row of icons.



Options

You can use the **Options** menu to save memos and set up **ESP** preferences. Preferences will be saved and loaded into **ESP** the next time **ESP** is opened, whether or not you save the **ESP** file to the host computer.

Preferences > General Tab



Reload Last File

At startup, reloads the last file saved to the computer.

Show Model Prompt

At startup, remembers the last connected model and displays it in the **Connecting...** dialog whenever you attempt to connect.

Skip EZ Mode

At startup, skips **EZ Mode** and opens directly in **App Mode**.

Show Connect Prompt

At startup, displays the **Would you like to connect...** prompt.

Receive After Connect

At startup, loads the imager's settings into **ESP**. (This is not recommended if you want to preserve your **ESP** settings for future use.)

Show Both Icon and Text (Default)

Sets the toolbar to display icons and names of all operations.

Only Show Icon

Sets the toolbar to display only icons representing operations, without text.

Only Show Text

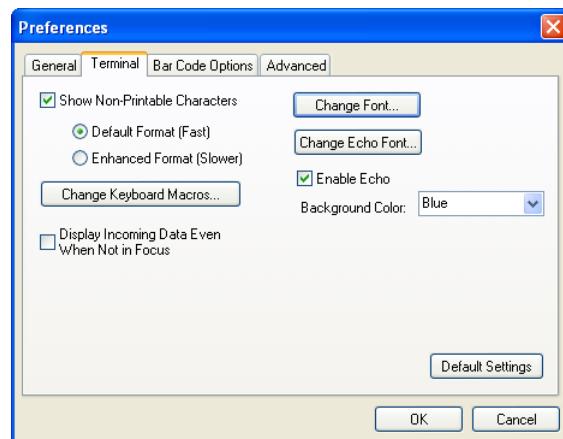
Sets the toolbar to display names of operations only, without icons.

Terminal Tab

When **Show Non-Printable Characters** is checked, characters such as 'CRLF' will be displayed in the terminal window. When the **Enhanced Format** radio button is checked, subscript and superscript formatting is shown.

When **Display incoming data even when not in focus** is checked, data from the imager will continue to appear in the terminal even when **ESP** is not the top window on the host computer's screen.

When **Enable Echo** is checked, the terminal window displays user-entered data.



Change Keyboard Macros

Clicking the **Change Keyboard Macros** button brings up the **Function Keys** dialog. In this dialog you can select the desired function key and then enter your macro keystrokes in the associated key map. For example, to make **Ctrl-F2** the keystroke to send a trigger character, select **F2**, then in the **Ctrl** row, enter **<trigger character>** and click **OK**.

Then whenever the **Ctrl-F2** keystroke is pressed, the trigger character will start the read cycle.



Note: The **F1** key is reserved for opening **ESP** Help and the **F3** key is reserved for the **Find Next** function.

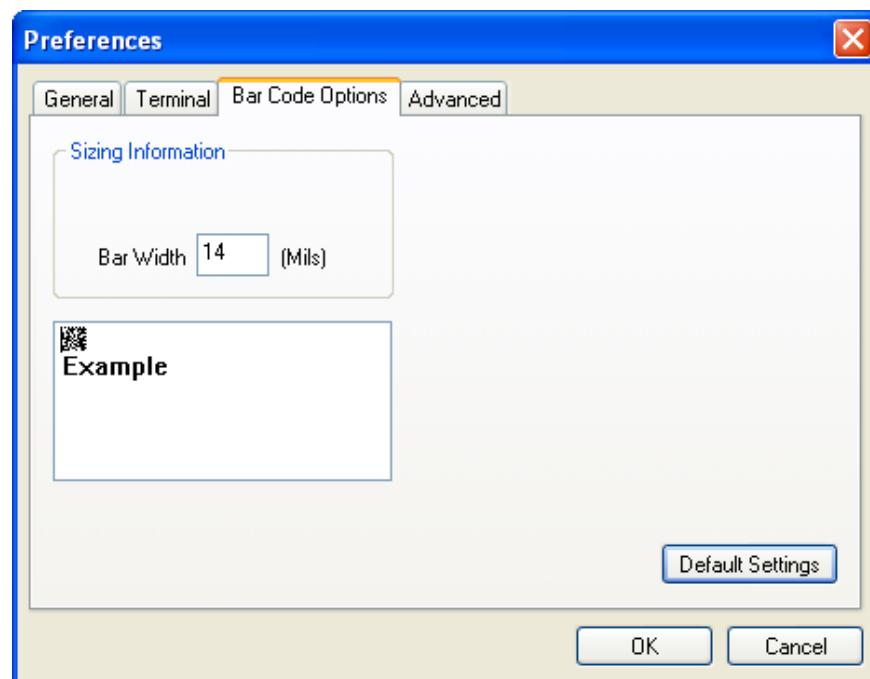
Change Font

Sets the font characteristics for data received from the imager.

Change Echo Font

Sets the font characteristics of user-entered data.

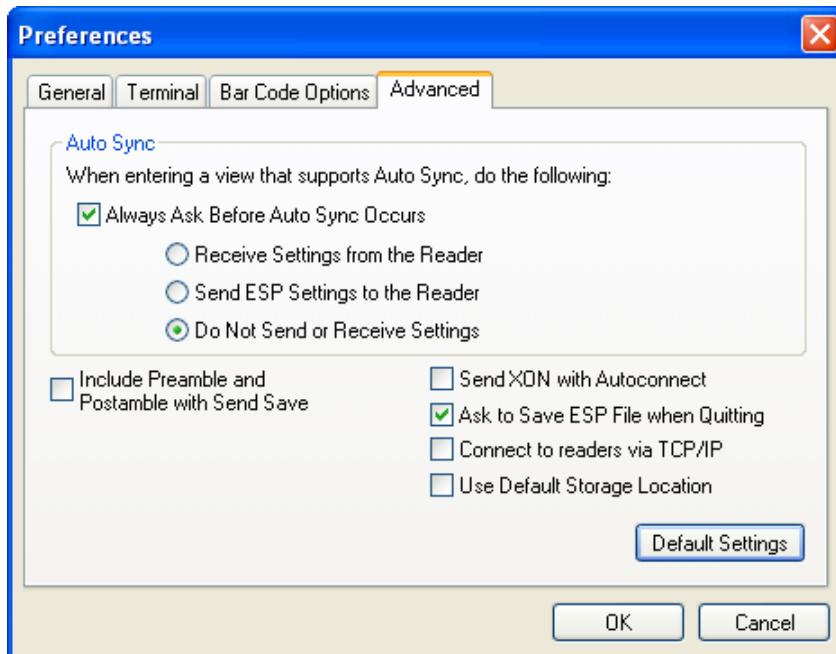
Bar Code Options Tab



Sizing Information

Sets **Bar Width** (in mils) of symbols that can be created in ESP.

Advanced Tab



The Auto Sync dialog on the **Advanced** tab allows you to determine whether Auto Sync will be automatically enabled in sections of **ESP** where it is used, or if it will ask you before it enables Auto Sync functions.

Always Ask Before Auto Sync Occurs

If you check this option box, you are then able to determine what specific Auto Sync functions will be enabled. **Receive Settings from the Reader** will automatically send the imager's settings to **ESP** when Auto Sync is enabled. **Send ESP Settings to the Reader** will automatically send all imager configuration settings chosen in **ESP** to the imager. **Do Not Send or Receive Settings** creates a condition in which Auto Sync will not send imager settings to **ESP**, or send **ESP** settings to the imager.

Include Preamble and Postamble with Send Save

Sends Preamble and Postamble settings along with other settings when a **Send and Save** is performed.

Send XON with Auto-Connect

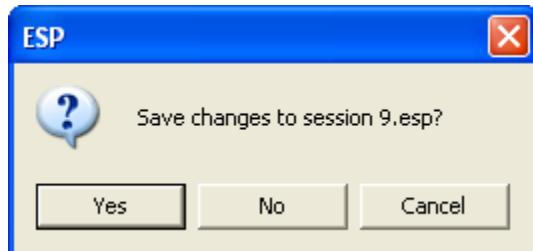
Sends an **XON (Begin Transmission)** command to the imager before starting the **Auto-Connect** routine.

Menu Toolbar

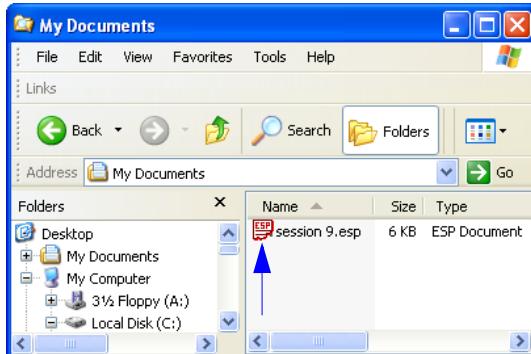
Preferences > Advanced Tab (cont.)

Ask to Save ESP File when Quitting

When enabled, prompts the user to save a .esp file when ending a session.



The .esp file will be saved in the location specified by the user.



Connect to Readers via TCP/IP

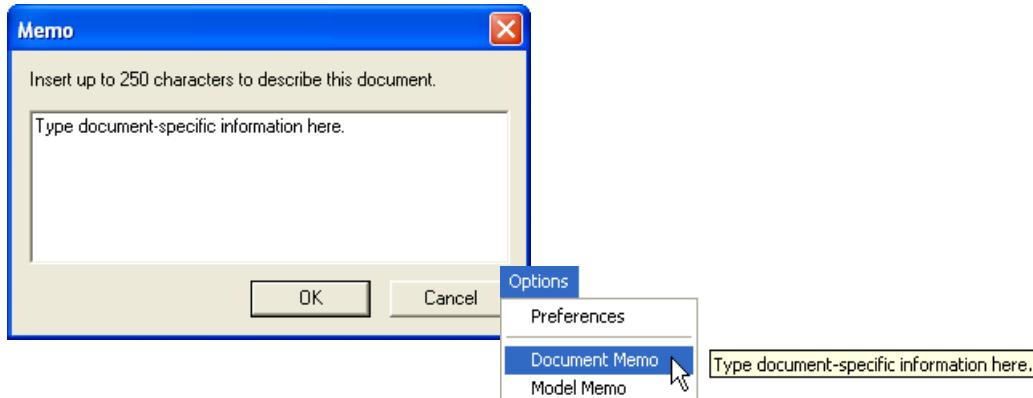
When enabled, shows the **TCP/IP Connection Wizard** by default.

Use Default Storage Location

When enabled, automatically stores data in **ESP's Application Data folder**.

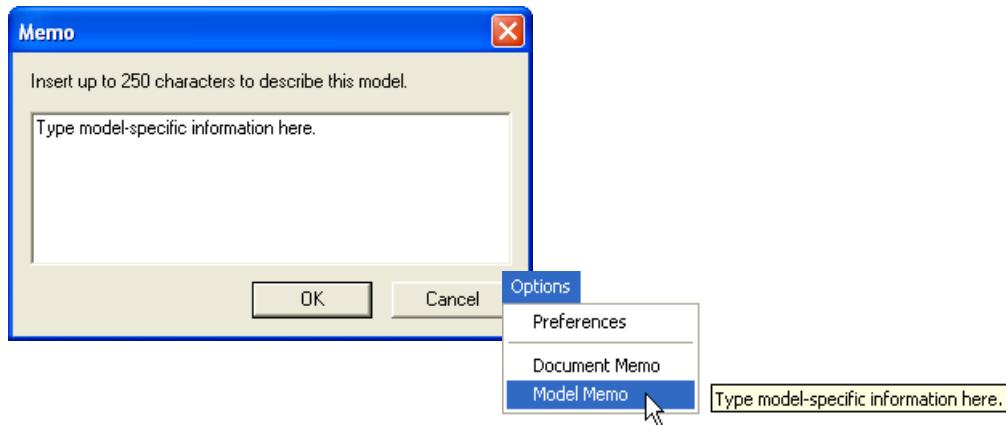
Document Memo

The information you type in the **Document Memo** field will appear in a context-sensitive text box whenever your cursor hovers over the **Document Memo** item on the **Options** menu.



Model Memo

Similar to **Document Memo**, the information you type in the **Model Memo** field will appear in a context-sensitive text box whenever your cursor hovers over the **Model Memo** item on the **Options** menu. Memos created in **Model Memo** are specific to the model enabled when the message was created.



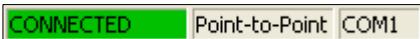
Note: Memos must be saved in a .esp file if you want them to available in your next session. If you do not save your current session, any memos that you have entered during the session will be discarded, and will be unavailable in your next session.

Connection Wizard

When you choose to connect to the imager via the **Connection Wizard**, you will first need to select the correct protocol (see [Select Protocol and Connect to Imager](#)).

When you have successfully connected to the imager you will see one of the two following displays in the status bar at the lower right of the screen:

RS-232:



USB:



View

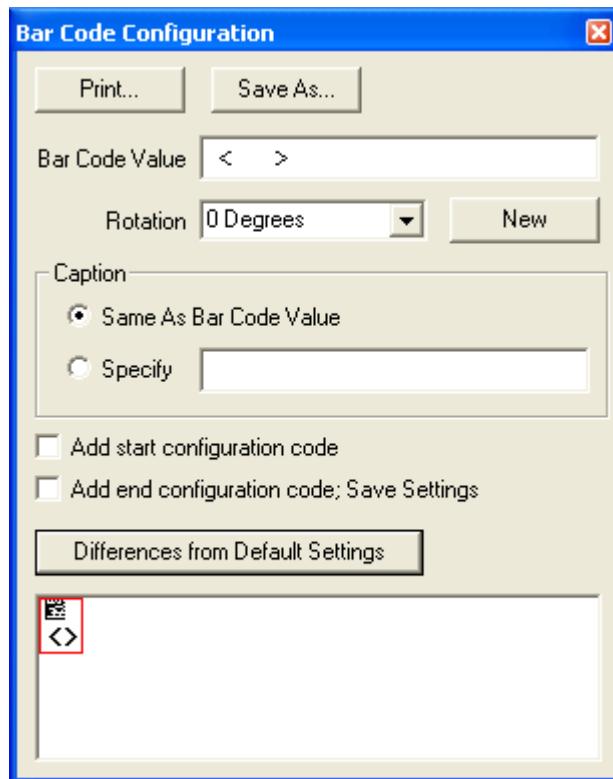
The options in the **View** menu correspond to icons on the operations toolbar (**Parameters**, **Setup**, **Terminal**, **Utilities**). Each option allows you to configure the imager or to perform various other functions in the chosen view.

The **View** menu also allows you to access the **Barcode Dialog**.



Bar Code Dialog

In the **Bar Code Dialog** you can directly type the text and commands you want to encode. This allows you to create configuration symbols that you can print and read with the imager.



Send/Receive

To access **Receive**, **Save**, **Default**, and **Advanced** options, click the **Send/Recv** button.



You can also access these options by right-clicking in any of the configuration views.

Receive Reader Settings

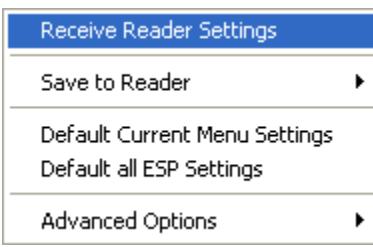
From the **Send/Recv** menu, select **Receive Reader Settings**.

This option is useful if you want to receive the imager's settings and save them as a file for later retrieval. For example, if your imager has settings that you do not want to change, choosing **Receive Reader Settings** will allow you to load those settings to **ESP** and save them as an **ESP** file.

Receiving the imager's settings also assures that you will not subsequently save any unwanted configuration changes previously made in **ESP**.

Select this option if you want to upload the imager's settings to **ESP**. For example, if your **ESP** file has a number of custom settings that you want to maintain and download to the imager, you will lose those **ESP** settings if you choose to receive settings from the imager.

Save to Reader



Send, No Save

This saves **ESP** settings to current memory.

Send and Save

This activates all changes in current memory *and* saves to the imager.

Default

When you select **Default Current Menu Settings** or **Default all ESP Settings** you are *only* defaulting settings in **ESP**. The imager is not affected unless you download new settings.

Advanced Options

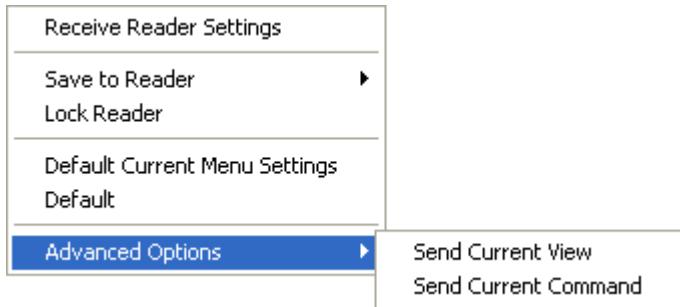
Send Current View

This is the same as **Save to Reader > Send No**

Save except that only the commands in the current menu tree are sent.

Send Current Command

This is the same as **Send Current View** above, but only saves the command that is currently selected.



Send/Receive

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This section explains how to practice targeting and triggering, and how to begin configuring the imager.

Targeting and Decoding

The Mobile Hawk features simple blue targeting LEDs to indicate optimal read range.

1. Hold the imager about 6" from the mark and align the blue targeting pattern as shown below.



2. Move the front of the imager steadily downward toward the mark and parallel to the mark surface.



3. The imager will decode the mark at the optimal read distance – typically from the point of contact to .50" (contact – 12.70 mm).

Test Symbol



ABCDEFGHIJKLMNP

Targeting LEDs

Read the configuration symbols below to enable or disable targeting LEDs.



M734_01
**Targeting
LED On**



M735_01
**Targeting
LED Off**



M188_02
**Save
Settings**

Scanning Guidelines

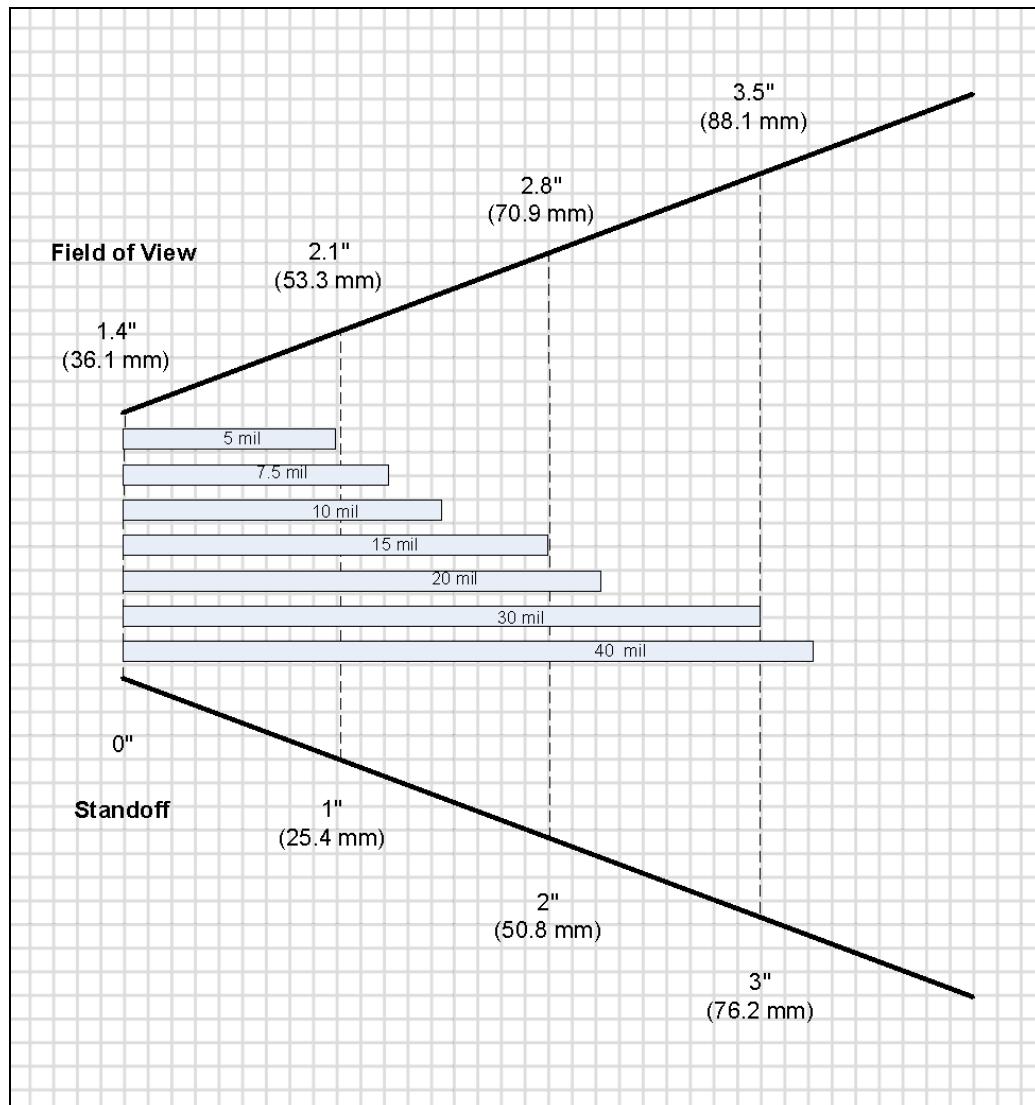
The Mobile Hawk makes reading the most difficult direct part marks easy. The following guidelines will help ensure optimal performance:

- In the default illumination setup, allow the Mobile Hawk to run through its illumination sequences before terminating the read cycle. The Mobile Hawk captures several images with each illumination zone, evaluating the optimum settings. If reading the same part or same part type, the Mobile Hawk always uses the most recent good read settings as a starting point so subsequent reads will be faster.
- Hold the Mobile Hawk still – *do not swipe or move the imager*. Pull the trigger and hold until a read is indicated by the green LED.
- Hold the Mobile Hawk such that its front surface is parallel to the mark surface, and the mark is centered. Unlike other readers that require a tilt to read, the Mobile Hawk is designed to operate this way.
- The Mobile Hawk features omnidirectional decoding. Centering the mark within the field of view will yield the best decode performance.

Decode Zones and Lighting Zones

The following chart provides a guideline for overall read performance based on mark size. Actual range for direct part marks will vary based on mark parameters and the illumination zone required for readings. The chart below is intended as a guideline.

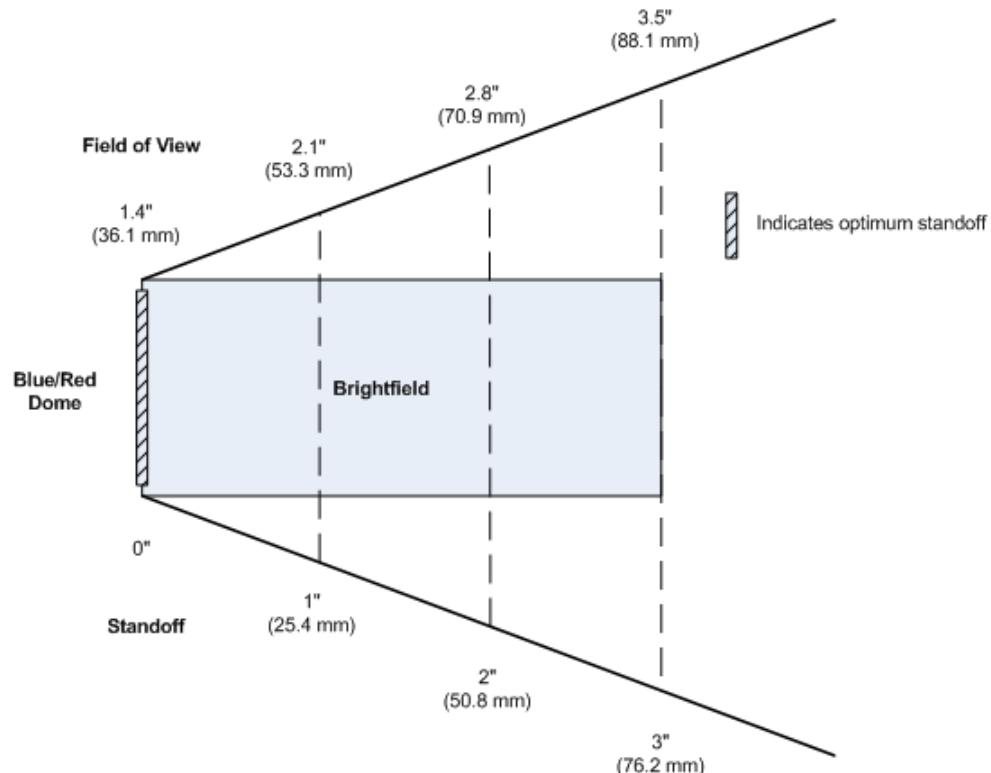
Decode Zones



Lighting Zones

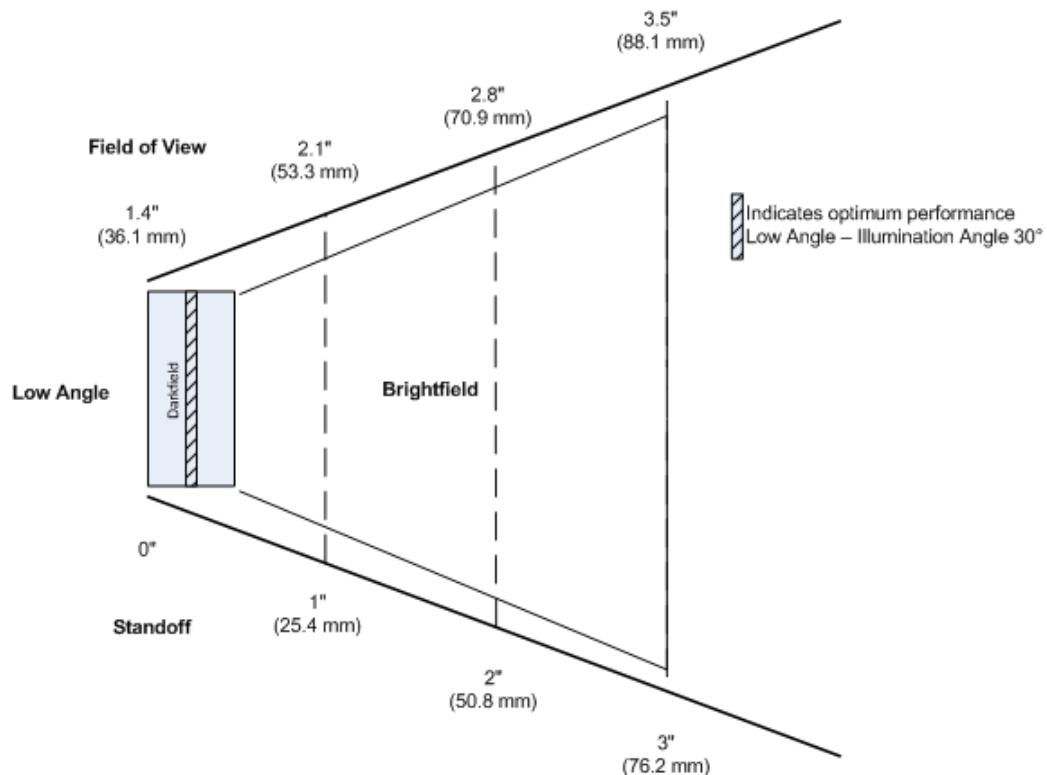
The following charts indicate the illumination zones based on the Mobile Hawk MAXlite design.

Dome Lighting Zone



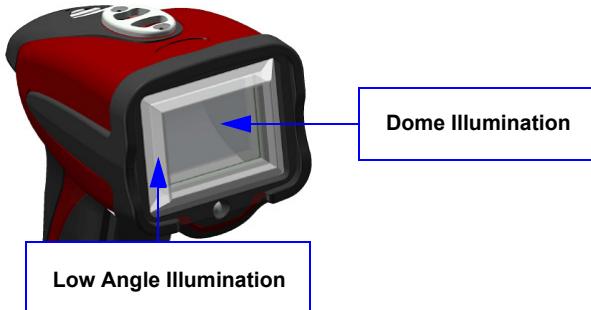
Decode Zones and Lighting Zones

Low Angle Lighting Zone



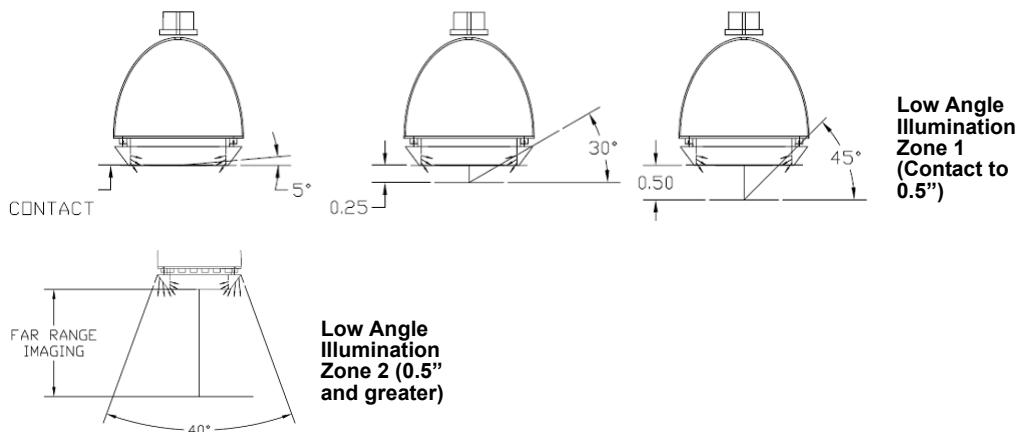
Illumination System

The Mobile Hawk incorporates the patent-pending MAXlite (multi-axis lighting) illumination system designed to ensure reliable decoding of the toughest direct part marks. Through an advanced combination of low angle (dark field) and multi-colored dome (bright field) illumination techniques, MAXlite provides even illumination of flat, shiny surfaces, enhancing embossed features, or differentiating features on curved surfaces.



Low Angle Illumination

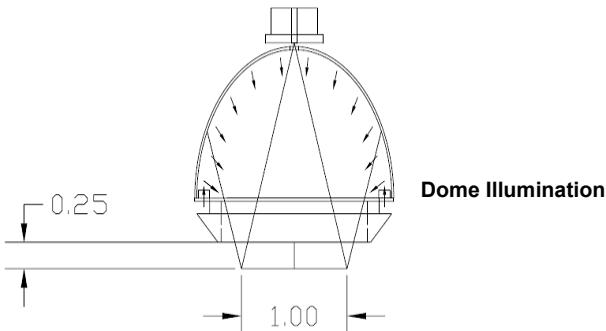
The “low angle” illumination zone provides what is called “dark field” illumination, ideal for very low-contrast marks such as laser-embossed or engraved marks. This zone is useful on both specular and non-specular surfaces and emphasizes surface texture. The optimum lighting angle for most marks is 30 degrees, which occurs when the Mobile Hawk is approximately 0.25" away from the target mark. This illumination zone actually directs light inward at an angle, which varies with the actual working distance and provides a good source of low angle illumination from contact (5 degrees) to about 0.5 inch (45 degrees). Beyond this working zone for dark field illumination this zone converts to a general purpose illuminator due to a portion of the illumination passing straight through the light pipe. This can be useful in providing “bright field” illumination. This zone was designed for reading larger marks such as 1D bar codes at longer working distances.



Illumination System

Dome Illumination

Dome illumination provides diffused, uniform light. The large, solid angle of illumination supports imaging of shiny flat surfaces or curved surfaces. This zone is useful on specular and non-specular surfaces, ideal for de-emphasizing surface texture and elevation (curves). The dome provides the widest area of coverage at close working distances. It is important to note that for marks that are a large percentage of the diameter of a curved surface, closer distances will provide the best performance. In addition to illuminating marks on curved surfaces, dome illumination also provides diffuse, even bright field illumination, which will provide thorough coverage on a wide variety of direct part marks.



Illumination Sequence

The Mobile Hawk is configured to provide the broadest reading capabilities “out of the box”. Just point and shoot to read most marks. This is achieved by combining the MAXlite illumination system with Microscan’s advanced X-Mode algorithms. The Mobile Hawk automatically cycles through a default combination of the MAXlite illumination zones each time the user pulls the trigger to decode a mark. The order of sequence will change based on the step used in the most recent good read.

The Mobile Hawk has four steps defined in this default sequence:

1. Low Angle Illumination with Low Resolution Image
2. Low Angle Illumination with Full Resolution Image
3. Blue Dome Illumination
4. Red Dome Illumination

With ESP Software, the user can change this sequence or define a different sequence. It is possible to have one step to as many as eight steps defined. ESP allows the user to evaluate the best settings.

Note: Decode speed can be improved with fewer illumination steps.

Note: Hovering over an uploaded image in ESP with your cursor will display the settings used to capture the image.

In addition to the general purpose sequence, a special sequence has been defined for dot peen marks. This adds additional X-Mode pre-processing to the sequence steps, allowing you to read some of the most challenging direct part marks with ease.

Illumination Sequence

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This section includes connection parameters and options for communicating with the Mobile Hawk Handheld DPM Imager in various interfaces.

Communications by ESP

To make changes to configuration settings in the **Communications** tree control:

Parameters	ESP Values
Communications	
Communications Mode	USB Keyboard
Reader Packet Format	Raw
Reader to Host Packet Size	16384
Expect Host Response	Disabled
Reader Send Retry Count	3
Host Acknowledgement Timeout	15
Text Commands	Disabled; enable magic sequence
USB Keyboard Rate	5
RS232	
Batch Mode	<input type="button" value="Detect RS232*"/>
Baud Rate	<input type="button" value="Detect RS232*"/>
Parity	<input type="button" value="Assume Always Connected"/>
Stop Bits	Two
Data Bits	Eight
Keyboard Inter Message Delay	0
Keyboard Mapping	US English (with leading 0 in alt-num)

1. Left click on the + to expand the tree.

2. Double click on the parameter and click once in the selection box to view options.

3. Place your cursor in the selection box, scroll down to the setting you want to change and click once on the setting.

4. Left click again on the open screen to complete the selection.

5. Right click on the open screen and select **Save to Reader** to implement the command in the imager.

Communications Overview

All Mobile Hawk Handheld DPM Imagers are shipped with a USB cable. You can also add RS-232 capabilities and configure your imager accordingly. Whenever you default the imager, it will return to the default settings of whichever interface you are using. Defaulting the imager does not remove preamble and postamble formatting.

Note: You must use **USB Connect Mode** or **RS-232 Connect Mode** to connect to **ESP**. Once the imager is connected to **ESP**, you can select your communications mode and set other communication parameters.

USB

With USB communications, the imager connects directly to the host's USB port from which it draws its power. Data is displayed by any open Windows-based program that can capture text in USB Keyboard Mode.

RS-232

With RS-232 communications the imager communicates with the host through a communications program such as HyperTerminal.

Default settings for establishing RS-232 communications are:

Baud =	57.6K
Stop Bits =	2
Data Bits =	8
Parity =	None

USB Interface

USB Keyboard is the default interface in which data is transferred to a Windows-based text program as keyboard data.

See [USB Interface](#) for detailed steps on setting up the USB Interface.

USB Keyboard Mode

Data is entered as keyboard sequences. You need to read this symbol whenever you are changing from a different interface to USB.



M134_02

USB Downloader Mode

This mode is the standard way of transferring unformatted, unpacketized data to the imager through the USB port.



M133_01

USB Native Two-Way Mode

This mode is used when the user needs error-corrected communication between the Mobile Hawk and the host the USB port.



M135_04

USB Virtual COM Mode

This mode allows an Mobile Hawk in a USB configuration to function as a virtual serial COM port. This mode requires installation of a USB Virtual COM driver. The USB Virtual COM Port Driver can be found in the Download Center on the Microscan website.



M668_01

USB HID POS (Terminal ID 131)

This mode allows a USB-cabled Mobile Hawk to communicate as a USB HID POS (Terminal ID 131) device.



M736_01



M188_02
**Save
Settings**

RS-232 Interface

Enabling either of these modes will disable USB communications and require you to default the imager or read the “USB Keyboard” symbol to return to USB.

See [RS-232 Interface](#) for detailed steps on setting up the RS-232 Interface.

RS-232 Default Settings

This mode is the standard way of transferring unformatted, unpacketized data through the RS-232 port.



M418_02

You will need to read this symbol whenever you set up RS-232 communications.

Baud Rate (RS-232)

Baud Rate is the rate at which the imager and host transfer data. It only needs to be changed if necessary to match the host setting.



1200

M092_01



19.2K

M096_01



2400

M093_01



38.4K

M097_01



4800

M094_01



57.6K (Default)

M098_01



9600

M095_01



115.2K

M099_01



Save Settings

M188_02

Parity (RS-232)

Parity is an error detection routine in which one data bit in each character is set to **1** or **0** so that the total number of 1 bits in the data field is even or odd. It only needs to be changed if necessary to match the host setting.



None (Default)



Odd



Even

Stop Bits (RS-232)

Stop Bits are added to indicate the end of each character. This setting should only be changed if necessary to match the host setting.



2 Stop Bits (Default)



1 Stop Bit

Data Bits (RS-232)

Data Bits are the total number of bits in each character. This setting only needs to be changed if necessary to match the host setting.



8 Data Bits (Default)



7 Data Bits



Save Settings

Preamble

A **preamble** is a character or series of characters that is added to the beginning of a decoded data string. Preamble characters will appear in the order that they are enabled (left to right). For example, if you enable a comma and then a space, and then decode a symbol containing the data 'ABC', your output will look like this:

, ABC

The only limit to the number of preambles enabled is the total memory size available.

Important: Be sure to save all settings before reading any of the following preamble symbols—otherwise your settings may be lost.



Save Settings

M188_02

Set the desired preamble by reading the appropriate symbol below.



Comma



Space



Tab (USB Only)



Tab



**Erase All
Preamble Data**



**Carriage Return
Line Feed**

Important: Use only with serial applications.

Note: To erase all preamble *and* postamble data, read the following symbol:



Erase Preamble and Postamble Data

M406_02

Postamble

A **postamble** is a character or series of characters that is added to the end of a decoded data string. Postamble characters will appear in the order that they are enabled (left to right). For example, if you enable a space and then a comma, and then decode a symbol containing the data 'ABC', your output will look like this:

ABC ,

The only limit to the number of postambles enabled is the total memory size available.

Important: Be sure to save all settings before reading any of the following postamble symbols—otherwise your settings may be lost.



Save Settings

M188_02

Set the desired postamble by reading the appropriate symbol below.



M168_04

Carriage Return

Important: Use only with serial applications.



M160_04

Comma



M169_04

Line Feed

Important: Use only with serial applications.



M170_04

**Carriage Return
Line Feed**

Important: Use only with serial applications.



M165_04

Space



M161_04

Enter

Important: Use only with USB or PS/2 Keyboard modes.



M167_04

Tab

Important: Use only with USB or PS/2 Keyboard modes.



M219_04

Tab (RS-232 Only)



M405_02

Erase / None

Important: Reading this symbol will erase all postamble data.



**Erase Preamble
and Postamble
Data**

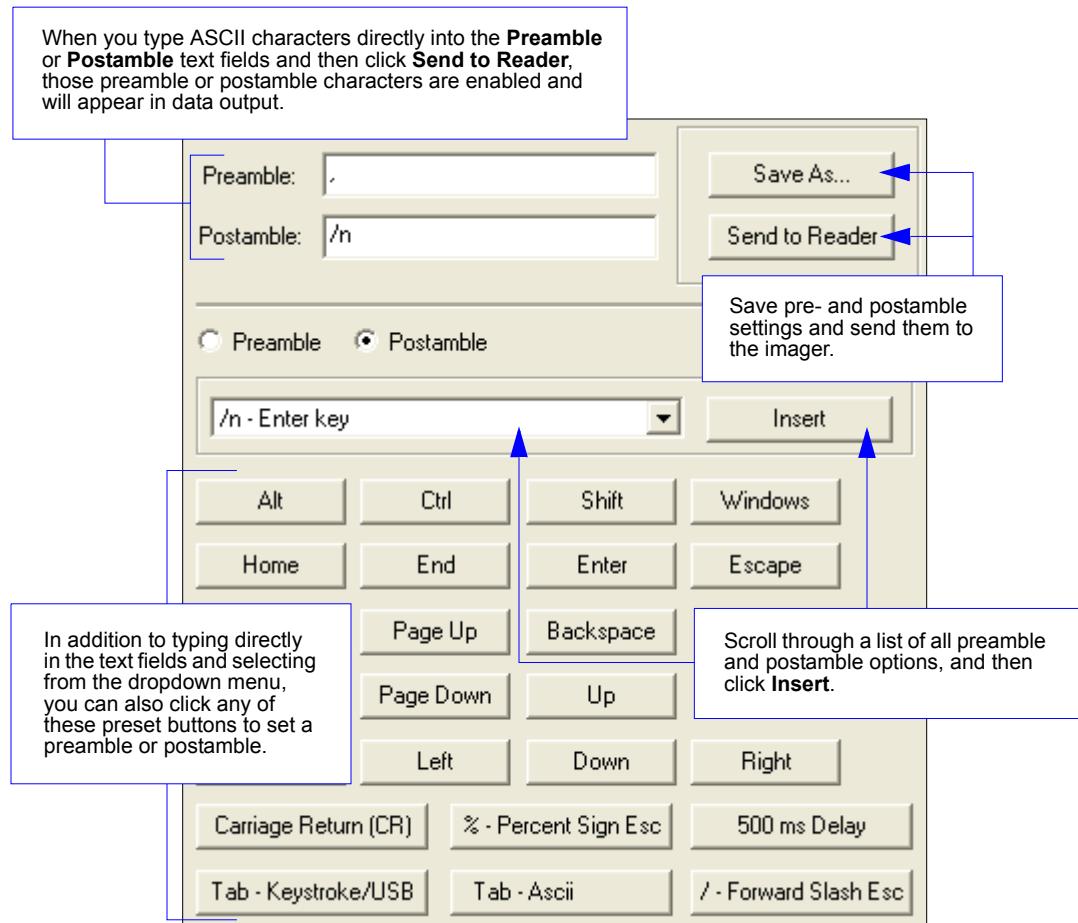
M406_02

Note: To erase all postamble and preamble data, read the symbol at right:

Preamble and Postamble by ESP

Characters can also be added to the beginning and end of data strings using **ESP**. There are a few different ways to do this, using the interface shown below.

You will see the Communications tree control on the left, and the Preamble/Postamble interface on the right.



Keyboard Mapping

The **Keyboard Mapping** feature provides alternatives for keyboards that do not conform to US English mapping.

Note: Universal Keyboard mapping is slightly slower than the other language-specific options, because it maps data by reference to the full set of ASCII characters. The advantage of Universal Keyboard mapping is that it allows any language and keyboard layout to be mapped.

Important: Keyboard Mapping is not to be confused with USB Keyboard Mode, which has an entirely different function—namely to enable USB cabled communications. (See [USB Interface](#)).



M172_01

**US English, No Leading
0 for non-printable
characters (Default)**



M602_01

**US English, Leading
0 for non-printable
characters**



M606_01

**US English, Ctrl + char. for
non-printable characters**



M603_01

French



M604_01

German



M605_01

Japanese



M173_01

Universal Keyboard



M171_01

Custom Keyboard



M585_02

**Enable Alternate OS
(Windows CE/MAC/Unix/
Linux)**



M584_02

Disable Alternate OS



M188_02

Save Settings

Keyboard Mapping	US English (with leading 0 in alt-num)*
	US English (with leading 0 in alt-num)*
	ASCII - Universal
	Custom
	US English (without leading 0 in alt-num)
	French
	German
	Japanese
	US English (with ctrl+char)

Text Commands

When the **Text Commands** feature is enabled, the Mobile Hawk can accept text commands via RS-232 connections and USB Virtual COM modes.

Note: **Text Commands** are not supported in USB HID Mode.



Enable Text Commands

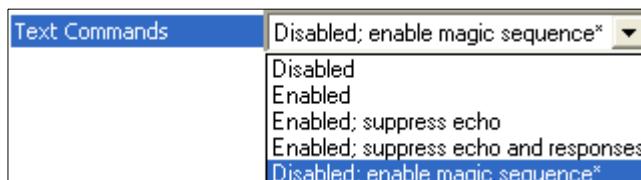


Disable Text Commands (Default)



Save Settings

Text Commands by ESP



When **Magic Sequence** is enabled, it allows the user to enable **Text Commands** by entering a predetermined series of keystrokes.

When **Text Commands** are set to **Enabled; Suppress Echo**, text that a user enters in the terminal will not be shown. When **Text Commands** are set to **Enabled; Suppress Echo and Responses**, neither user-entered data or imager responses will be shown, and only decoded symbol data will appear in the terminal.

See [Terminal Right-Click Menu](#) for a way to change Echo settings directly in the terminal view.

Entering Magic Sequence

The magic sequence is ;>PA followed by a numeric value of **1**, **3**, or **7**.

1 = Enable Text Commands

3 = Enabled; Suppress Echo

7 = Enabled; Suppress Echo and Responses

In the example below, the magic sequence entered will Enable Text Commands and Suppress Echo and Responses.



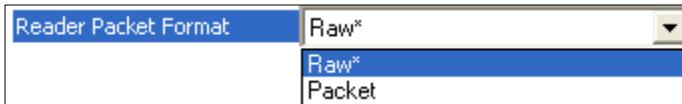
Enter the magic sequence in this text field and click **Send**.

Once the magic sequence has been sent, you can send text commands from the same text field.

Other Communications Settings in ESP

Some **ESP** Communications options are unique to the software, and do not have corresponding programming symbols. These options are explained below.

Reader Packet Format



Data that is sent from the imager to the host in **Raw** format is sent without packet framing or check characters. **One-Way** communication is in a raw format, no response is expected from the host, and data is not resent.

Packetized data is sent with framing (a preamble communicating the amount of data to be transmitted, and a postamble containing error detection) and check characters, and a response is expected from the host. **Two-Way** communication is in packet format.

Reader to Host Packet Size



The **Reader to Host Packet Size** is the amount of data (in bytes) that is sent to the host in packet format. This feature allows you to set the maximum allowable packet size.

Expect Host Response



When **Expect Host Response** is enabled, the imager will re-transmit data if it doesn't receive acknowledgement from the host.

Reader Send Retry Count



Reader Send Retry Count sets the number of times the imager will re-transmit data before abandoning further send attempts. The minimum retry count is **1**, which represents the initial transmission.

Host Acknowledgement Timeout



The **Host Acknowledgement Timeout** is the amount of time (in seconds) that the imager will wait for an acknowledgement from the host before re-sending data.

USB Keyboard Rate

USB Keyboard Rate	5		1 - 255 (x 1ms)
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Requests that the host polls the USB Mobile Hawk at the rate specified (**1** to **255** ms).

Keyboard Inter Message Delay

Keyboard Inter Message Delay	0		(0 - 2147483647) ms
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Places a delay between each character that is output by the imager when in Keyboard Mode. Useful for applications that require a slower output rate.

Other Communications Settings in ESP

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This section contains information on how to set your imager to the most efficient and effective parameters for your application.

Read Cycle by ESP

To make changes to configuration settings in the **Read Cycle** tree control:

1. **Left click** on the **+** to expand the tree.

Parameters	ESP Values
Read Cycle	
Button Stay-Down Time	0
Ignore Duplicate Symbol Timeout	0
Region of Interest	<input type="button" value="Full Image (1280x1024)*"/>

2. **Double click** on the parameter and click once in the selection box to view options.
3. Place your cursor in the selection box, scroll down to the setting you want to change and **click once** on the setting.

4. **Left click** again on the open screen to complete the selection.
5. **Right click** on the open screen and select **Save to Reader** to implement the command in the imager.

Button Stay-Down Time

Button Stay-Down Time sets the amount of time (in seconds) that the imager will continue to process the current “decode symbol” event. The imager will behave as if the trigger is being activated for this specified amount of time.



Ignore Duplicate Symbol Timeout

Ignore Duplicate Symbol Timeout

Ignore Duplicate Symbol Timeout sets the imager not to output the same symbol data multiple times within the time period designated.

Ignore Duplicate Symbol Timeout	0		Seconds
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Region of Interest

Region of Interest allows the user to determine the size of the image to be captured.

Full Image (1280 x 1024) (Default)



Q038_01

Partial Image (800 x 600)



Q039_01



M188_02

Save Settings

Region of Interest by ESP

Region of Interest

Full Image (1280x1024)*



Full Image (1280x1024)*

Partial Image (800x600)

Region of Interest

6 Symbologies

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This section describes the various symbol types that can be read and decoded by the imager.
See <http://www.aimglobal.org/standards/aimpubs.asp> for additional information.

Symbologies by ESP

To make changes to configuration settings in the **Symbolologies** tree control:

Parameters	ESP Values
Symbolologies	
2D Symbolologies	
Data Matrix	Enabled
Data Matrix ECC 0 - 140	Enabled
QR Code	QR and Micro QR Code
1D Symbolologies	
Code 39	Enabled
Checksum	Disabled
Extended Full ASCII	Disabled
Code 128	Enabled
BC412	Disabled
Code 93	Enabled
Codabar	Enabled
Checksum	Disabled
Interleaved 2 of 5	Enabled
Checksum	Disabled
Length	Disabled
UPC	Enabled
EAN Status	Enabled
Expansion	Enabled
GS1 DataBar	Enabled (All)
Stacked Symbolologies	
PDF417	Enabled
Symbology Identifier	Disabled*
	<input type="button" value="Disabled*"/> <input checked="" type="button" value="Disabled*"/> <input type="button" value="Enabled"/>

1. Left click on the + to expand the tree.

2. Double click on the parameter and click once in the selection box to view options.

3. Place your cursor in the selection box, scroll down to the setting you want to change and click once on the setting.

4. Left click again on the open screen to complete the selection.
 5. Right click on the open screen and select **Save to Reader** to implement the command in the imager.

Codabar

Read the following symbols to enable/disable **Codabar** settings:

Codabar On (Default)



M275_01

Codabar Off



M274_01



M188_02

Save Settings

Codabar by ESP

<input type="checkbox"/> Codabar	Enabled
<input type="checkbox"/> Checksum	Enabled and strip from result
	Disabled*
	Enabled
	Enabled and strip from result

ESP allows you to enable a checksum, or to enable a check sum and remove it from the decode result.

Sample Codabar Symbol



A123456789A

Code 39

Read the following symbols to enable/disable Code 39 settings:

Code 39 On (Default)



M235_01

Code 39 Off



M234_01

Enable Checksum



M237_01

Disable Checksum (Default)



M236_01

Enable Checksum and Strip from Result



M238_01

**Code 39 Extended
Full ASCII On**



M233_01

**Code 39 Extended
Full ASCII Off (Default)**



M232_01



M188_02

Save Settings

Code 39 by ESP

Code 39	Enabled
Checksum	Disabled*
Extended Full ASCII	Disabled*
	Enabled
	Enabled and strip from result

Sample Code 39 Symbol



123456

Code 93

Read the following symbols to enable/disable **Code 93** settings:

Code 93 On (Default)



M281_02

Code 93 Off



M280_01



Save Settings

M188_02

Code 93 by ESP

Code 93	Enabled*
	Disabled
	Enabled*

Sample Code 93 Symbol



123456789A

Code 128

Read the following symbols to enable/disable **Code 128** settings:

Code 128 On (Default)



M283_01

Code 128 Off



M282_01



Save Settings

M188_02

Code 128 by ESP

Code 128	Enabled*	
	Disabled	
	Enabled*	

Sample Code 128 Symbol



123456789A

Data Matrix

Read the following symbols to enable/disable **Data Matrix** settings:

Data Matrix ECC 0-140 On (Default)



Q005_01

Data Matrix ECC 0-140 Off



Q006_01



Save Settings

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Data Matrix by ESP

Data Matrix	Enabled*	<input type="button" value="▼"/>
Data Matrix ECC 0 - 140	Disabled	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Sample Data Matrix Symbol



Interleaved 2 of 5

Read the following symbols to enable/disable **Interleaved 2 of 5** settings:

Interleaved 2 of 5 On (Default)



M244_01

Interleaved 2 of 5 Off



M243_01

Interleaved 2 of 5 Two Digits On



M246_01

Interleaved 2 of 5 Two Digits Off



M245_02

Interleaved 2 of 5 Four Digits On



M248_01

Interleaved 2 of 5 Four Digits Off



M247_01

Interleaved 2 of 5 Checksum On



M250_01

Interleaved 2 of 5 Checksum Off



M249_01

Interleaved 2 of 5 Checksum On and Strip from Result



M251_01



Save Settings

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Interleaved 2 of 5 by ESP

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interleaved 2 of 5	Enabled*
<input type="checkbox"/> Checksum	Disabled
<input type="checkbox"/> Length	Enabled*

Sample Interleaved 2 of 5 Symbol



0123456789

PDF417

Read the following symbols to enable/disable **PDF417** settings:

PDF417 On (Default)



M293_01

PDF417 Off



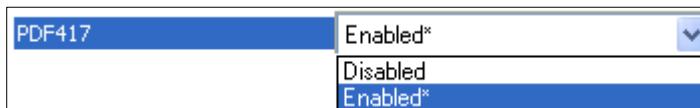
M292_01



Save Settings

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PDF417 by ESP



Sample PDF417 Symbol



QR Code

QR Code

Read the following symbols to enable/disable QR Code settings:

QR Code On



M263_01

QR Code and Micro QR Code Off



M260_01

Micro QR On



QR Code and Micro QR Code On (Default)



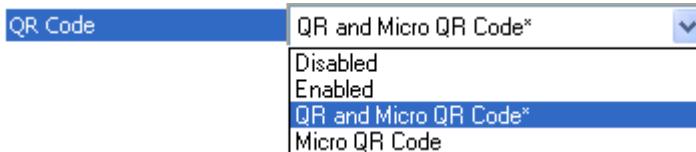
M687_03



Save Settings

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QR Code by ESP



Sample QR Code Symbol



Sample Micro QR Code Symbol



GS1 DataBar

Read the following symbols to enable/disable DataBar settings:

All DataBar On (Default)



M267_01

All DataBar Off



M266_01

DataBar Limited On



M268_01

DataBar-14 and DataBar-14 Stacked On



M271_01

DataBar Expanded On



M269_01



Save Settings

M188_02

GS1 DataBar by ESP

GS1 DataBar	Disabled*	▼
	Disabled*	
	DataBar Expanded	
	DataBar Limited	
	DataBar-14	
	Enabled (All)	

Sample DataBar-14 Limited Symbol



Sample DataBar-14 Stacked Symbol



Sample DataBar Expanded Symbol



Sample DataBar-14 Symbol



UPC/EAN

Read the following symbols to enable/disable UPC/EAN settings:

UPC On (Default)



M295_01

UPC Off



M294_01

UPC Expansion On (Default)



M297_01

UPC Expansion Off



M296_01

EAN On (Default)



Q037_01

EAN Off



Q036_01



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Save Settings

UPC/EAN by ESP

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UPC	Enabled*	<input type="button" value="▼"/>
└ EAN Status	Disabled	
└ Expansion	Enabled*	

Sample UPC-E Symbol



Sample UPC-A Symbol



BC412

Read the following symbols to enable/disable **BC412** settings:

BC412 Off (Default)



Q033_01

BC412 On



Q034_01

BC412 On, Remove Check Digit



Q035_01



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Save Settings

BC412 by ESP

BC412	Disabled*	<input type="button" value="▼"/>
	Disabled*	
	Enabled	
	Enabled - Remove Check Digit	

Sample BC412 Symbol



Symbology Identifier

When **Symbology Identifier** is enabled, an AIM (Association for Automatic Identification and Mobility) preamble is added to decoded data output (see the list of identifiers below). This preamble identifies what kind of symbology has been decoded.



M226_01

Symbology Identifier On



M225_01

Symbology Identifier Off (Default)



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Save Settings

Symbology Identifier by ESP

Symbology Identifier	Disabled*
	Disabled*
	Enabled

AIM Symbology Identifiers

- A Code 39
- C Code 128
- d Data Matrix
- e GS1 DataBar
- E UPC/EAN
- F Codabar
- G Code 93
- I Interleaved 2 of 5
- L PDF417
- Q QR Code / Micro QR Code

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This section contains information on how to set your imager to the most efficient and effective parameters for your application.

I/O Parameters by ESP

To make changes to configuration settings in the I/O Parameters tree control:

1. **Left click** on the **+** to expand the tree.

Parameters	ESP Values
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I/O Parameters	
No Read Notification	Disabled
Targeting	Enabled
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beeper	
Volume	100
Duration	80
Separation	100
Beep/Vibrate on Good Read	Enabled
Vibrate	Enabled*
Text Command Timeout	Disabled
Data Validation	Enabled*
Gain Control	Adaptive
Exposure	2

2. **Double click** on the parameter and click once in the selection box to view options.

3. Place your cursor in the selection box, scroll down to the setting you want to change and **click once** on the setting.

4. **Left click** again on the open screen to complete the selection.

5. **Right click** on the open screen and select **Save to Reader** to implement the command in the imager.

Operational Feedback

Condition	Sound/Vibration	LED
<i>Successful Power-On</i>	1 Beep / Vibration	Sequence: AMBER GREEN AMBER
<i>Successful Connection with Host via USB</i>	1 Beep / Vibration	None
<i>Successful Decode and Data Transfer to Host</i>	1 Beep / Vibration	Flash GREEN
<i>Configuration Symbol Successfully Decoded and Processed</i>	2 Beeps / Vibrations separated by short pause	Flash GREEN

Beep and Vibration Modes

Read the following symbols to set beep and vibration modes.



M107_01
Vibrate On / Beep On (Default)



M109_01
Vibrate On / Beep Off



M108_01
Vibrate Off / Beep On

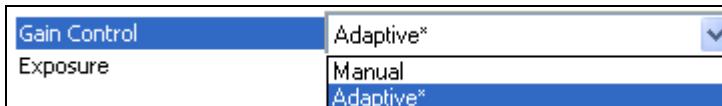


M188_02
Save Settings

Gain Control

Gain Control is a system that controls gain in the captured image—how bright or dark the resulting image will be. The higher the gain, the brighter the image.

When the Mobile Hawk is set to **Adaptive** mode, it will automatically maintain the proper setting for gain based on the captured image in order to produce the best setting to perform a decode. In the **Manual** setting the gain is fixed to whatever value is set by gain slider controls on the **Illumination** tab in **I/O Parameters**.



Exposure

The larger the **Exposure** value, the longer the pixels in the candidate image are exposed, allowing the imager to collect more light.

Note: A larger exposure value may cause blurred images.

Exposure	2		0 - 7
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Data Validation

Data Validation is used to confirm that a decoded string from the imager has complied with a particular company, industry, or ISO standard. Mobile Hawk Data Validation is compliant with Department of Defense Unique Identification and ISO/IEC 15434 (Information Technology – Transfer Syntax for High-Capacity ADC Media) requirements.

Unique Identification

Unique Identification is a mandatory Department of Defense (DoD) requirement on all solicitations issued January 1, 2004 or later. This policy mandates the use of Unique Item Identifiers (UIIs) encoded within Data Matrix symbols on equipment and parts procured by DoD. The Mobile Hawk complies with Department of Defense Standard Practice Identification (MIL-STD-130).

Once the imager decodes the Data Matrix symbol, and if Unique Item Identifier (UII), Current Part Number (CPN), and Lot/Batch Number (LBN) are turned on, the Mobile Hawk checks the ISO/IEC 15434 syntax with ISO/IEC 15418 (ANSI MH10.8.2 – AI and DI) and ISO/IEC 21849 (ATA – TEI) semantics to construct the UII, CPN, and LBN.

Unique Identification Features

The following data output options are applicable to Data Matrix ECC 200 symbols only and have no effect on other symbologies.

<i>UII Enabled</i>	Allows the imager to read only message streams encoded in Data Matrix ECC 200 symbols, then to construct and output a UII string. The message streams include validation of Unique Item Identifier (UII), Current Part Number (CPN), and Lot/Batch Number (LBN) strings. When the imager decodes a symbol but the symbol data does not comply with UII format, it will stop capturing images and the green LED will illuminate without beeping, vibrating, or outputting the string.
<i>UII Enabled with Pass Through</i>	Allows the imager to read UII messages in Data Matrix ECC 200 symbols and non-UII messages in any type of symbols. The imager's behavior is the same as with UII Enabled.
<i>UII Enabled with Error Messages</i>	Allows the imager to read UII messages in Data Matrix ECC 200 symbols and output detailed information such as construction type, data components, or error messages. The imager's behavior is the same as with UII Enabled.
<i>Data Validation Disabled</i>	Disables both UII and ISO/IEC 15434 data validation.

Unique Identification Output Examples

UII Enabled

UII:UN123456789ABCDEFG

CPN:87654321

LBN:87654321

UII:12345678 CPN:87654321

UII:12345678 LBN:87654321

UII Enabled with Pass Through

UII:UN123456789ABCDEFG

CPN:87654321

LBN:87654321

UII:12345678 CPN:87654321

UII:12345678 LBN:87654321

DATA:Microscan Precision Data Acquisition and Control Solutions

UII Enabled with Error Messages

UII:UN123456789ABCDEFG;Construct_1;25SUN123456789ABCDEFG;;;;;

CPN:87654321;PNR;PNR 87654321;;;;;

LBN:87654321;30T;30T87654321;;;;;

UII:12345678 CPN:87654321;Construct_1_2/PNR;UID 12345678;PNR 87654321;;;;

UII:12345678 LBN:87654321;Construct_1/30T;25S12345678;30T87654321;;;;

(15434 ERROR: HEADER - 1ST POSITION);Microscan Precision Data Acquisition and
Control Solutions;;;;;;

Data Validation Disabled

The imager will return to normal output behavior without performing data validation.

ISO/IEC 15434

ISO/IEC 15434 specifies a transfer structure, syntax, and coding of messages and data formats when using high capacity automatic data capture (ADC) technologies.

The following ISO/IEC 15434 data output options are applicable to Data Matrix ECC 200 symbols only and have no effect on other symbologies.

<i>ISO/IEC 15434 Enabled</i>	Allows the imager to read only ISO/IEC 15434-compliant message streams in Data Matrix ECC 200 symbols then output the ISO/IEC 15434 string. This implementation only checks the header/trailer format and proper format indicator (00-99 and DD). The output string has a prefix, a format indicator, and data components.
<i>ISO/IEC 15434 Enabled with Error Messages</i>	Allows the imager to read only ISO/IEC 15434-compliant messages in Data Matrix ECC 200 symbols and output detailed information such as prefix, format indicator, data components, or error messages.
<i>Data Validation Disabled</i>	Disables both UII and ISO/IEC 15434 data validation.

ISO/IEC 15434 Output Examples

ISO/IEC 15434 Enabled

(15434);05;0100061414199999;211A0B9C3D6;;;;
(15434);06;7L0A1B3C;1P4202435;S10936;;;;
(15434);06;17V0A1B2;1P4202435;S10936;;;;

ISO/IEC 15434 Enabled with Error Messages

(15434);05;0100061414199999;211A0B9C3D6;;;;
(15434);06;7L0A1B3C;1P4202435;S10936;;;;
(15434);06;17V0A1B2;1P4202435;S10936;;;;
(15434 ERROR: HEADER - 3RD POSITION);[]<▲DD↔CAG 12345↔SER
67890123▲◆;;;;;
(15434 ERROR: TRAILER - END OF TRANSMISSION);[]>▲12↔CAG 12345↔SER
67890123▲♣;;;;;
(15434 ERROR: HEADER - GROUP SEPARATOR);[]>▲12▲CAG 12345◆029SER
67890123▲◆;;;;;

Data Validation Disabled

The imager will return to normal output behavior without performing data validation.

Data Validation Settings

The following symbols control Data Validation functions:



**UII
Enabled**

Q048_01



**UII Enabled
with Pass Through**

Q049_01



**UII Enabled with
Error Messages**

Q050_01



**ISO/IEC 15434
Enabled**

Q051_01



**ISO/IEC 15434 Enabled
with Error Messages**

Q052_01



**Data Validation
Disabled (Default)**

Q053_01

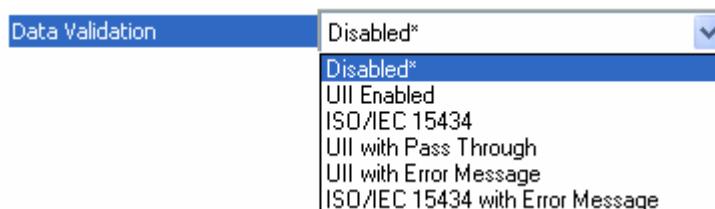


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Data Validation by ESP

Each of the **Data Validation Settings** can also be enabled in **ESP's I/O Parameters** tree control.



Detailed Output Format

The table below describes data validation output in detail.

Note: UII Enabled with Pass Through will add the prefix **DATA** to non-UII output for all symbologies.

Note: UII Enabled with Error Messages will output the following format: **UII/CPN/LBN; DF0; DF1; DF2; DF3; DF4; DF5; DF6; DF7**.

Note: When ISO/IEC 15434 output is in compliance with the standard, the format is **(15434); DF0; DF1; DF2; DF3; DF4; DF5; DF6; DF7**. When it is not in compliance with the standard, the output is **(15434 ERROR: xxxx);;;;;;;** where DF0 is the format indicator showing which type of data qualifier is in use.

UII Enabled	
Content of Decoded Data Matrix Symbol	UII/CPN/LBN
Valid UII	<i>UII:UII_data</i> <i>Example:</i> UII:12345678
Valid CPN Valid LBN	<i>CPN:CPN_data</i> <i>Example:</i> CPN:87654321 <i>LBN:LBN_data</i> <i>Example:</i> LBN:87654321
Valid UII and CPN Valid UII and LBN	<i>UII:UII_data CPN:CPN_data</i> <i>Example:</i> UII:12345678 CPN:87654321 <i>UII:UII_data LBN:LBN_data</i> <i>Example:</i> UII:12345678 LBN:87654321
Valid UII and Invalid CPN Valid UII and Invalid LBN	<i>UII:UII_data (CPN ERROR)</i> <i>Example:</i> UII:12345678 (CPN ERROR) <i>UII:UII_data (LBN ERROR)</i> <i>Example:</i> UII:12345678 (LBN ERROR)
Invalid UII and Valid CPN Invalid UII and Valid LBN	<i>(UII ERROR) CPN:CPN_data</i> <i>Example:</i> (UII ERROR) CPN:87654321 <i>(UII ERROR) LBN:LBN_data</i> <i>Example:</i> (UII ERROR) LBN:87654321
None of the above (Invalid UII; Invalid CPN; Invalid LBN; Invalid UII and Invalid CPN; Invalid UII and Invalid LBN)	No output data

UII Enabled with Error Messages		
Content of Decoded Data Matrix Symbol	UII/CPN/LBN	DFO
Valid UII	<i>UII:UII_data</i> <i>Example:</i> UII:12345678	Constructed UII type <i>Example:</i> Construct_1
Valid CPN Valid LBN	<i>CPN:CPN_data</i> <i>Example:</i> CPN:87654321 <i>LBN:LBN_data</i> <i>Example:</i> LBN:87654321	Constructed CPN type <i>Example:</i> PNR Constructed LBN type <i>Example:</i> 30T
Valid UII and CPN Valid UII and LBN	<i>UII:UII_data CPN:CPN_data</i> <i>Example:</i> UII:12345678 CPN:87654321 <i>UII:UII_data LBN:LBN_data</i> <i>Example:</i> UII:12345678 LBN:87654321	Constructed UII/CPN type <i>Example:</i> Construct_1/PNR Constructed UII/LBN type <i>Example:</i> Construct_1/30T
Valid UII and Invalid CPN Valid UII and Invalid LBN	<i>UII:UII_data</i> (30P ERROR: xxxx) <i>UII:UII_data</i> (PNR ERROR: xxxx) <i>UII:UII_data</i> (240 ERROR: xxxx) <i>UII:UII_data</i> (30T ERROR: xxxx)	Constructed UII type <i>Example:</i> Construct_1
Invalid UII and Valid CPN Invalid UII and Valid LBN	(UII ERROR: xxxx) CPN:CPN_data (UII ERROR: xxxx) LBN:LBN_data	Constructed CPN type: 30P, PNR, 240 Constructed LBN type: 30T
Invalid UII	(UII ERROR: xxxx) (15434 ERROR: xxxx) <i>Example:</i> (UII ERROR: DATA ELEMENT CHARACTER)	Original decoded data
Invalid CPN Invalid LBN	(30P ERROR:xxxx) (PNR ERROR:xxxx) (240 ERROR:xxxx) (30T ERROR:xxxx) (15434 ERROR: xxxx)	Original decoded data
Invalid UII and Invalid CPN Invalid UII and Invalid LBN	(UII ERROR: xxxx) (30P ERROR: xxxx) (UII ERROR: xxxx) (PNR ERROR: xxxx) (UII ERROR: xxxx) (240 ERROR: xxxx) (UII ERROR: xxxx) (30T ERROR: xxxx)	Original decoded data

Error Messages

The following is a list of potential error messages.

15434 ERROR: DATA ELEMENT SEPARATOR
15434 ERROR: DOUBLE TRAILER
15434 ERROR: FORMAT INDICATOR
15434 ERROR: HEADER - 1ST POSITION
15434 ERROR: HEADER - 2ND POSITION
15434 ERROR: HEADER - 3RD POSITION
15434 ERROR: HEADER - 4TH POSITION
15434 ERROR: HEADER - GROUP SEPARATOR
15434 ERROR: TRAILER - END OF TRANSMISSION
15434 ERROR: TRAILER - RECORD SEPARATOR
PNR ERROR: TOO LONG
PNR ERROR: TOO SHORT
PNR ERROR: CHARACTER
30P ERROR: TOO LONG
30P ERROR: TOO SHORT
30P ERROR: CHARACTER
240 ERROR: TOO LONG
240 ERROR: TOO SHORT
240 ERROR: CHARACTER
UII ERROR: DATA ELEMENT CHARACTER
UII ERROR: DATA ELEMENT TOO LONG
UII ERROR: DATA ELEMENT TOO SHORT
UII ERROR: LOWER CASE CHARACTER
UII ERROR: NEED UII ELEMENT FIRST
UII ERROR: SPACE AFTER TEI DATA QUALIFIER
UII ERROR: TEI DATA QUALIFIER
UII ERROR: UII ELEMENT INCOMPLETE
UII ERROR: WRONG FORMAT INDICATOR
UII ERROR: UII STRING TOO LONG

Additional Notes

- DF1 – DF7: If the UII/CPN field is “(15434 ERROR: xxxx)”, DF1 – DF7 are filled in with an empty string. Otherwise, the fields are used to display data elements. If there are fewer than seven data elements, an empty string is filled in at the end. If there are more than seven elements, only the first seven elements are displayed.
- There is a space between UII and CPN in both tables (UII:12345678 CPN:87654321).
- The constructed UII type can be Construct_1, Construct_2, Construct_1_2, or IUID_EQUIVALENT.
- The constructed CPN type can be PNR, 30P, or 240. The constructed LBN type can be 30T.

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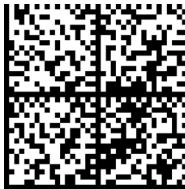
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This section introduces several settings that can be applied to speed up processing or improve readability in various circumstances.

Illumination Settings

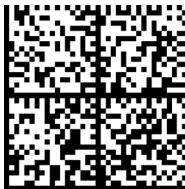
The Mobile Hawk's illumination settings can be controlled using the configuration symbols shown here.

Note: The illumination default mode will reset the imager's illumination settings to factory default.



Q044_01

***Illumination
Default Mode***



Q045_01

***Dot Peen Enhance Illumination
Mode - Large Mark***



Q046_01

***Dot Peen Enhance Illumination
Mode - Medium Mark***



Q047_01

***Dot Peen Enhance Illumination
Mode - Small Mark***



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Illumination Settings by ESP

The Mobile Hawk's illumination settings can also be controlled using the graphic interface on the **Illumination** tab in ESP's I/O Parameters view.

Define how many illumination steps the imager will cycle through during its sequence.

Click this button to default settings for the Mobile Hawk illumination sequence.

Click **Create Bar Code** to encode illumination settings in a programming symbol.

	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4
Image Enhance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Low Resolution Image <input type="checkbox"/> Dark on light <input type="checkbox"/> Light on dark	<input type="checkbox"/> Low Resolution Image <input type="checkbox"/> Dark on light <input type="checkbox"/> Light on dark	<input type="checkbox"/> Low Resolution Image <input type="checkbox"/> Dark on light <input type="checkbox"/> Light on dark	<input type="checkbox"/> Low Resolution Image <input type="checkbox"/> Dark on light <input type="checkbox"/> Light on dark
Gain	4	4	4	3
Mark Size	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium

Gain can be controlled using the sliders shown in each **Step** dialog when the **Gain Control Manual** box is checked.

Image Enhance features allow you to specify the size of the mark, and whether the mark's elements are dark on a light surface, or light on a dark surface.

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Lock Settings

Lock Settings

Read the symbols below to lock or unlock imager settings.

Note: This feature does not lock preamble and postamble programming symbols, Clear XML Rules, or postamble erase/none commands.



M429_01

***Lock Imager
Settings***



M428_01

***Unlock Imager
Settings***



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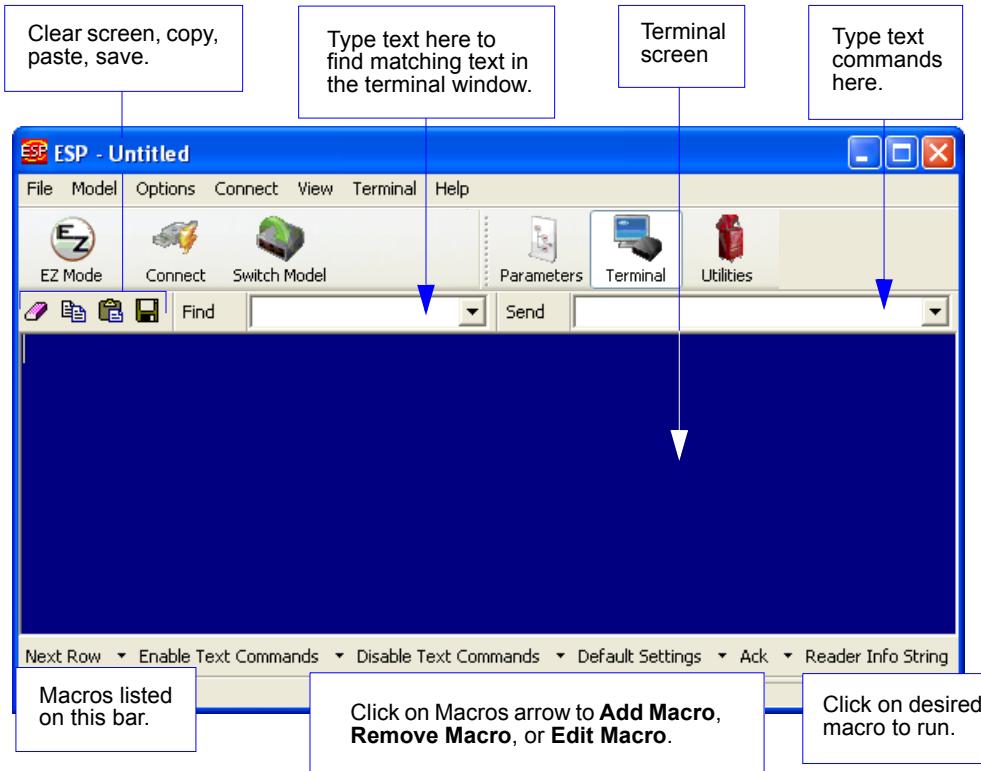
This section describes the **Terminal** interface and macro functions in **ESP**.

Terminal View

Click the Terminal button.



You will see the following view:



The Terminal interface allows you to send commands to the imager by using macros, by copying and pasting, or by typing commands in the **Send** text field.

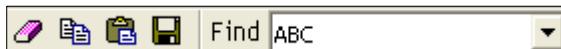
The Terminal view also displays symbol data or information from the imager.

You can also right click on the Terminal screen to bring up a menu of further options.

Find

The **Find** function allows you to enter text strings to be searched for in the terminal window. For example, suppose a series of symbols have been scanned into the terminal view and you want to determine if a particular symbol whose data begins with “ABC” has been read.

1. Type “ABC” into the **Find** box.



2. Press **Enter**.

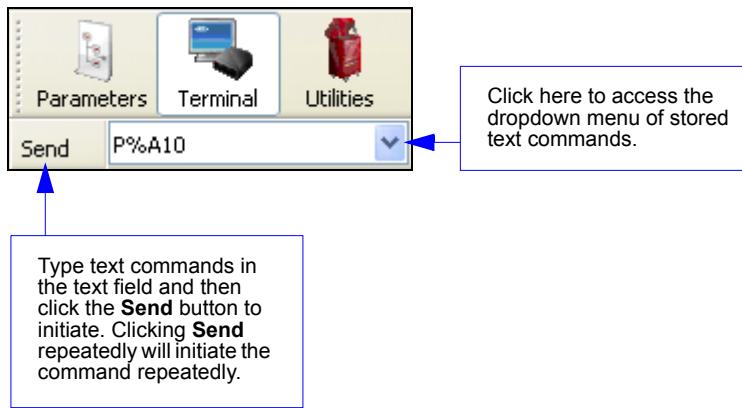
The first instance of “ABC” will be highlighted in the terminal window.

3. Click the **Find** button to the left of the text field to locate additional instances of “ABC”.

Send

The **Send** function allows you to enter text commands and then send them to the imager. (See [Text Commands](#).)

For example, suppose you want to disable the vibrate function in the imager. To disable vibrate using a text command, you would enter “P%A10” (the command that disables vibrate) in the text field and click **Send**.

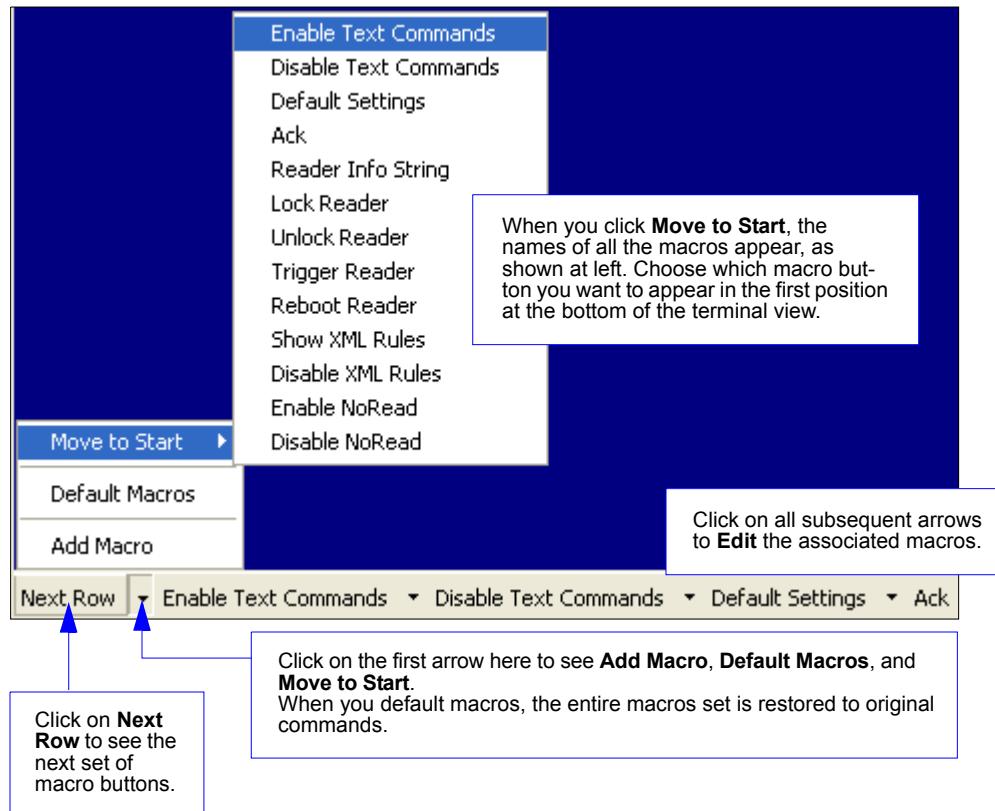


Once text commands are initiated, they are saved in a dropdown menu that can be accessed by clicking the arrow to the right of the text field.

You can also send the current command repeatedly by clicking the **Send** button repeatedly.

Macros

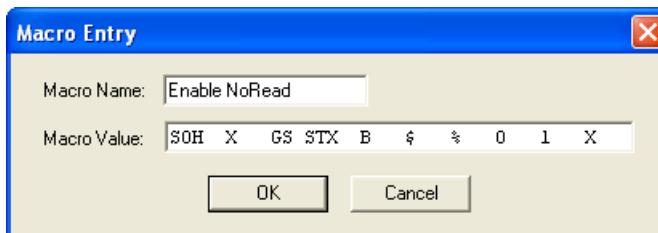
Macros can be stored in a macro selection bar, edited in a separate window, and executed by clicking on the macro name.



Clicking on a macro button executes the related command. The command is also sent to the imager at the same time it is displayed.

Editing a Macro

When you click the arrow next to a any macro and select **Edit**, the following dialog appears:



You can edit an existing macro or type in the **Macro Name** text field and define it in the **Macro Value** text field.

Terminal Right-Click Menu

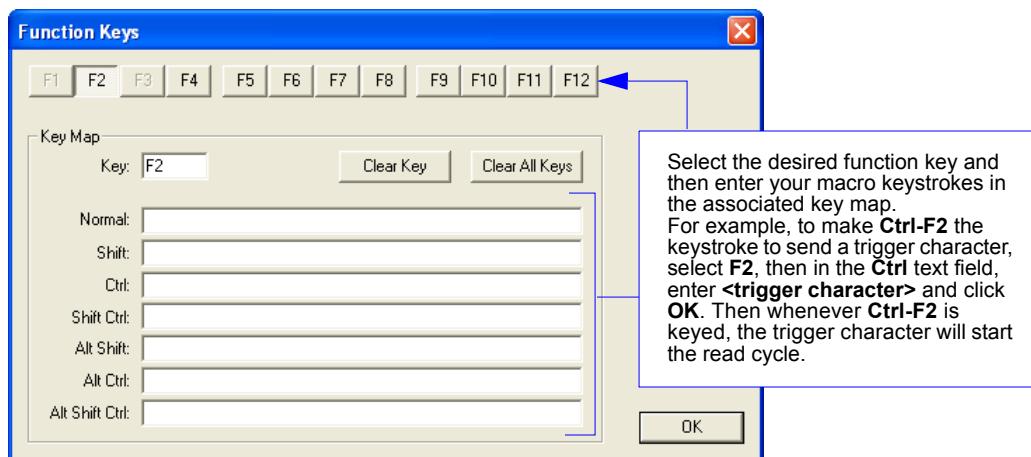
Right click in the terminal window to display the following menu:



- **Copy** selected text to clipboard.
- **Paste** from terminal or other text.
- **Clear** all text in terminal window.
- **Select All** text in the terminal window.
- **Save...** incoming and outgoing data into a text file.
- **Change Font...** of data received from the imager.
- **Change Echo Font...** to change the appearance of user-entered data.
- **Disable Echo** to hide user-entered data.
- **Change Background Color** of the terminal window.
- **Non-Printable Characters** can be shown or hidden in the terminal view in **Standard** or **Enhanced** format.
- **Default Settings** to return all of the above to original settings.
- **Keyboard Macros...** brings up the **Function Keys** dialog, which allows you to create customized macro functions.

Function Keys

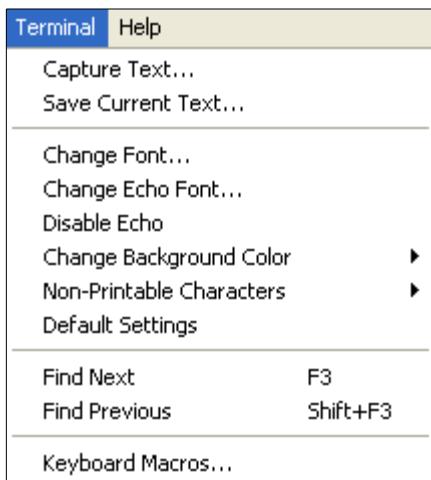
The **Function Keys** dialog allows you to assign commands to specific function keys on a standard keyboard. Note that the **F1** key is reserved for opening **ESP Help**, and the **F3** key is reserved for the **Find Next** function.



Note: This feature is also available from the [Terminal Dropdown Menu](#) and the **Terminal** tab of the **Preferences** dialog.

Terminal Dropdown Menu

The terminal dropdown menu allows you to capture and save current text, and it also includes the functions defined for the [Terminal Right-Click Menu](#).



- **Capture Text...** lets you append data in real time to a text file of your choice. While in operation, the text file cannot be opened. You can select **Pause** to interrupt the capture flow or **Stop** to end the flow and open the file.
- **Save Current Text...** saves all text in the terminal window to a text file of your choice.
- **Find Next** locates the next instance of the specified data string in the terminal. This function can also be activated by pressing **F3**.
- **Find Previous** locates the most recently occurring instance of the specified data string in the terminal.
- **Keyboard Macros** brings up the **Function Keys** dialog, which allows you to create customized macro functions.

Terminal Dropdown Menu

10 Utilities

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This section explains **ESP's Utilities** features. These include **Device Control**, an interface that lets you perform major operations with one click; **Differences from Default**, which shows all currently enabled Mobile Hawk settings that are not default settings; **Firmware**, where you can update your imager's firmware; and **Advanced**, which allows you to collect batch files for customized imager configuration and optimization.

Device Control

This feature allows you to clear data stored in the imager's memory, to default the imager, to deactivate or clear XML rules, to upload or delete stored errors, to reboot the imager, and to delete stored results.

Please review the user manual before using this page.

Clear Data / Defaults

Output

```
Clear All ( 'N' , 'I' )
Succeeded ( \Xlap/dl )
Succeeded ( \Xlap/dl )

Delete Stored Results ( 'N' )
Succeeded ( \Xlap/dl )

Reboot Reader ( 'Z' )
Succeeded ( \Xlap/dl )

Clear XML
Succeeded ( \Xlap/dl )
Succeeded ( dcodeXml rules
installed )
```

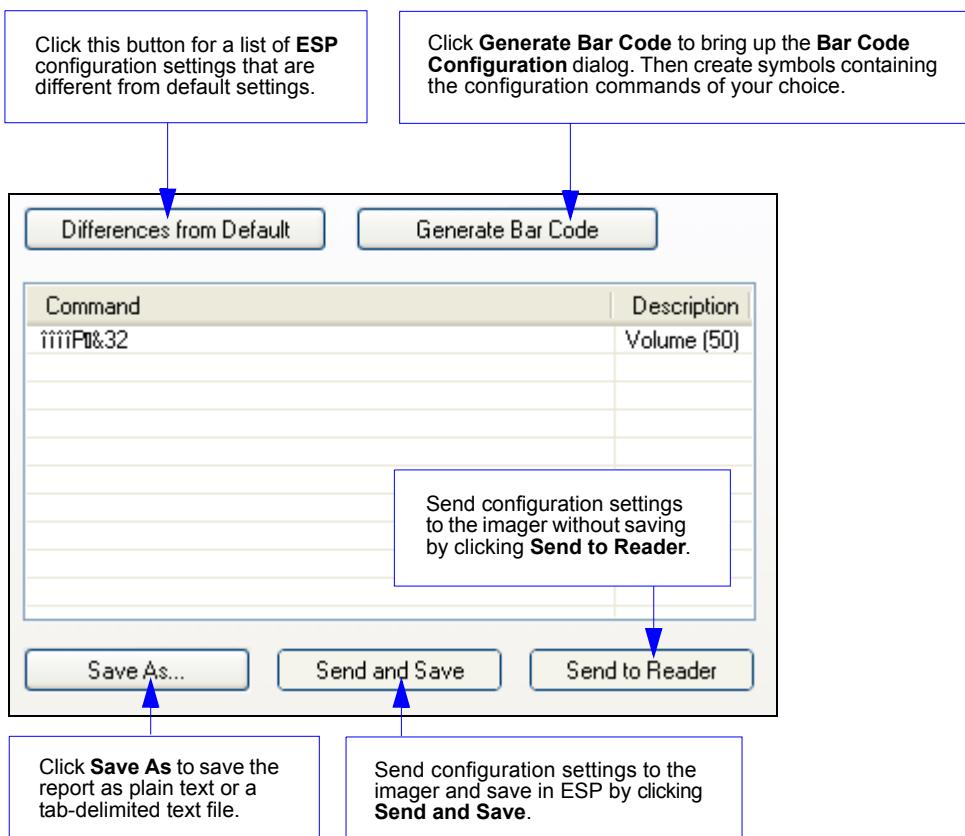
XML

Extras

- **Clear All Data** removes decoded symbol data and commands in the imager's memory.
- **Default Reader** returns the imager to its default state, without any optimization or configuration.
- **Deactivate XML Rules** turns off, but does not erase, preambles, postambles, and XML commands.
- **Clear XML Rules** removes preambles, postambles, and other XML commands.
- **Reboot Reader** refreshes the imager's memory and functionality, returning it to the most recent configuration you have saved.
- **Delete Stored Results** erases logged data.

Differences from Default

Clicking the **Differences from Default** button will cause **ESP** to check all stored configuration settings and compare them to default settings. All settings that are different from default will appear in the left column (shown below), and descriptions of those settings will appear in the right column.

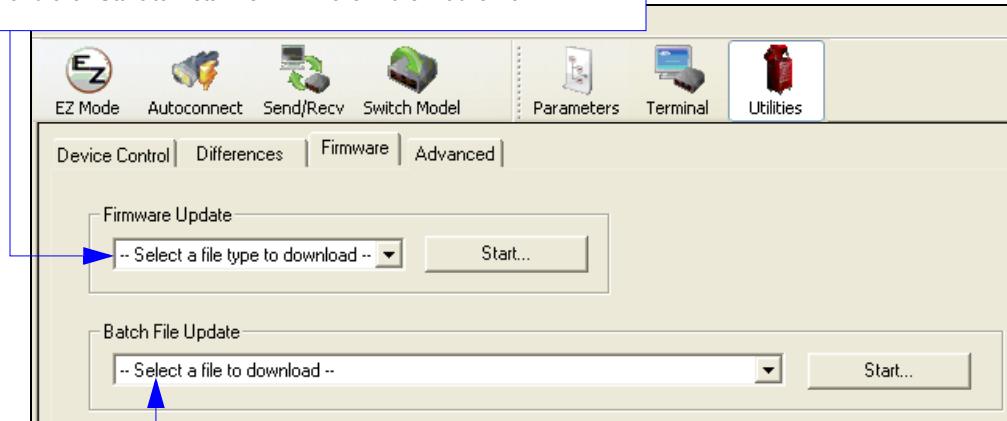


- To create a symbol containing any of the command settings in the table, click **Generate Barcode**. This will bring up the **Bar Code Configuration** dialog.
- To save the **Differences from Default** report, either as plain text or as a tab-delimited text file, click **Save As**.
- Click **Send and Save** to send the settings to the imager and save them, or **Send to Reader** to send the settings without saving them.

Firmware

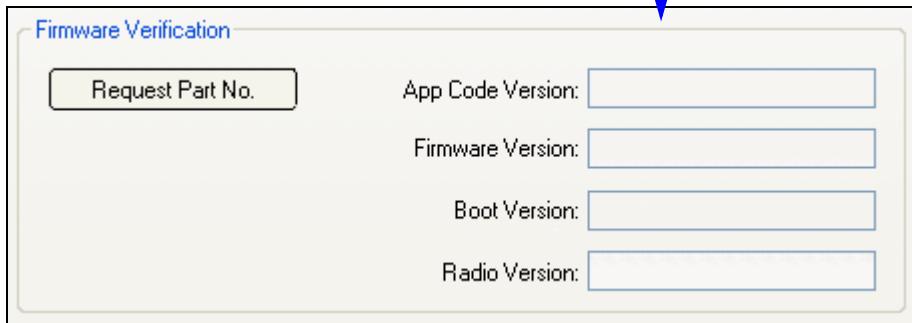
The **Firmware** view in **ESP Utilities** is a simple way to update and verify your imager's firmware and to update batch files.

Choose App Code from the **Firmware Update** dropdown menu and click **Start** to install new firmware in the Mobile Hawk.



Use this dropdown menu to locate batch files in the host computer's file directory. Download the needed files directly to the imager by clicking the **Start** button.

The **Firmware Verification** tool sends a direct query to the imager for its Application Code Version, Firmware Version, Boot Code Version, and Radio Version.



Note: To ensure correct operation, cycle power to the imager (turn the imager off and then on) after the firmware update is complete.

Imager ID

Another way to query the imager for its identifying information is by reading the following symbol:



Imager ID

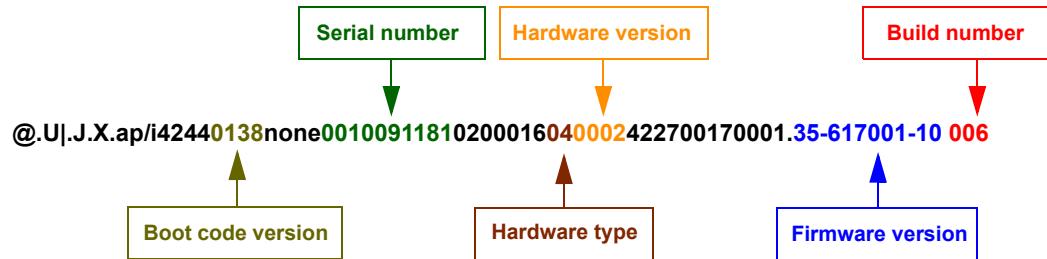
M153_01



Save Settings

M188_02

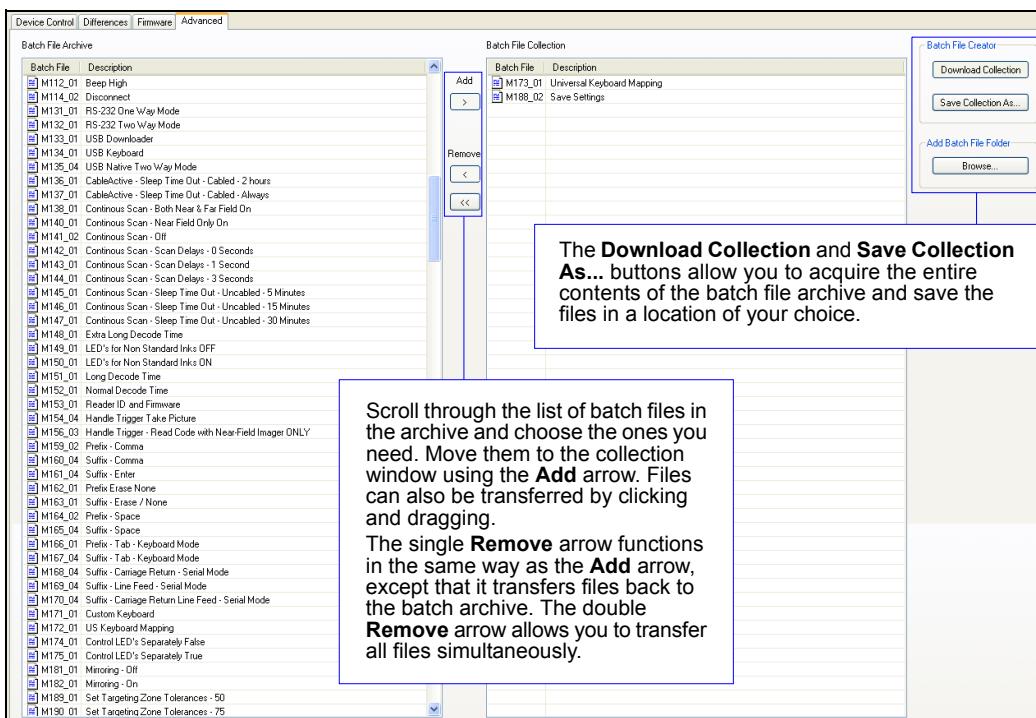
The host's text program will output a data string containing the imager's identifying information in the following format:



Advanced

The **Advanced** tab in **Utilities** features an archive of all batch files containing imager configuration commands. Each batch file's extension is .crb, and each file contains the fundamental code for programming the imager. Notice that the names of the batch files correspond with the numbers beneath all the Data Matrix configuration symbols.

This tool allows you to use the batch file data to create your own symbols, or to collect only the files that you use frequently to configure the imager for your application.



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General Specifications

Appendix A — General Specifications

Mechanical

Height:	7" (180 mm)
Width:	2.5" (63 mm)
Depth:	4.5" (114 mm)
Weight:	7.2 oz. (204 g) (not including cable)

Environmental

Operating temperature: 0° to 50°C
(32° to 122°F)

Storage temperature: -20° to 65° C
(-4° to 150°F)

Humidity: 5 to 95% (non-condensing)

Shock: Withstands >50 drops of 6' (1.8 meters) to concrete

MAXlite Illumination

Combination Dome and Low Angle illumination system.

Dome: 2-color, 640nm (red) and 470nm (blue)

Low Angle: Quadrant 30°, 640nm (red)

Symbolologies

2D Symbolologies: Data Matrix (ECC 0-200), QR Code, Micro QR Code

Stacked Symbolologies: PDF417, GS1 DataBar (Composite and Stacked)

Linear Symbolologies: Code 39, Code 128, Interleaved 2 of 5, UPC/EAN, Codabar, Code 93, BC412

Image Collection Options

Sensor: CMOS

Sensor Array: 1280 x 1024

Communication Protocols

Standard Interface: USB, RS-232

Read Parameters

Rotational Tolerance: ±180°

Focal Range: 0 to 2" (0 to 50.8 mm)

Focal Point: Optimal at 0.25" (6.3 mm)

Field of View: Horiz. 1.59" (40.39 mm) x Vert. 1.27"
(32.31 mm) at optimum focus

Print Contrast Resolution: 20% minimum contrast

Ambient Light Immunity: Sunlight: Up to 9,000 ft. candles,
96,890 lux

Indicators

Status Indicators: Vibration motor, audible tones, visual feedback with multi-color LED, blue-line targeting pattern

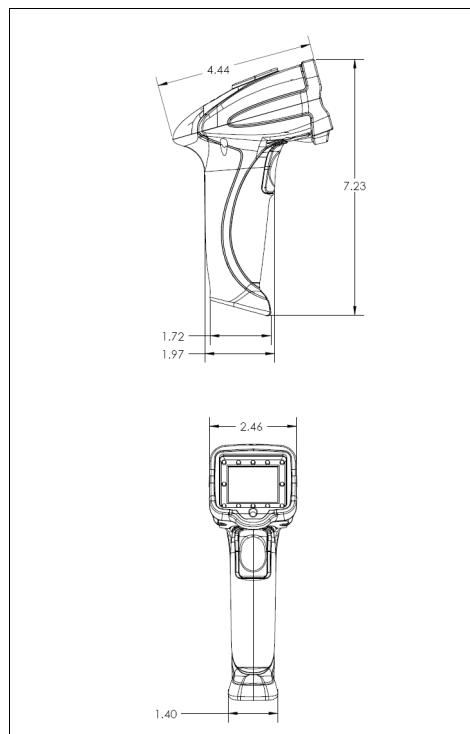
Image Output Options

Format: JPEG, TIFF

Electrical

Power Requirements: 5 VDC (mA)

Typical: 408mA *Peak:* 500mA *Idle:* 285mA



Mobile Hawk Dimensions

Safety Certifications

FCC, CE, RoHS/WEEE



ISO 9001:2000 Certification No. 06-1080

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Appendix B — Electrical Specifications

Power Requirements: 5 VDC (mA)

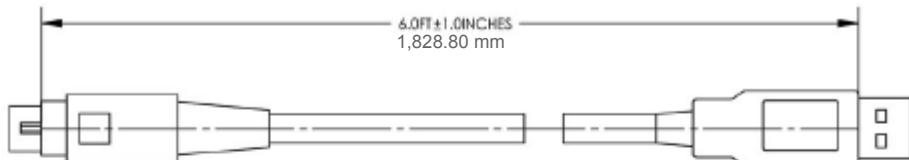
Typical: 408mA; *Peak:* 500mA, *Idle:* 285mA

PIN 1	VIN- Input Voltage to the voltage regulators/battery charging IC
PIN 2	RS-232_TX - RS-232 level serial transmit signal
PIN 3	RS-232_RX - RS-232 level serial receive signal
PIN 4	PS/2_DATA_UART_RX_USB_DP - PS/2 clk to host/ UART transmit signal/ USB Data plus signal
PIN 5	PS/2_DATA_UART_RX_USB_DM - PS/2 data to host or keyboard/ UART receive signal/ USB Data minus signal
PIN 6	PS/2_CLK_KB - PS/2 clock signal to the keyboard
PIN 7	~TRIG - trigger from the handle
PIN 8	GND - signal ground
Shield	Shield Ground

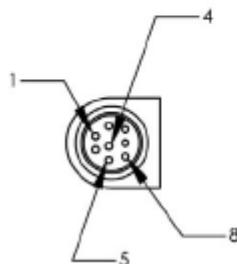
Electrical Specifications

USB Cable Pinouts

Connector A

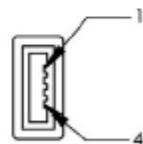


Connector B

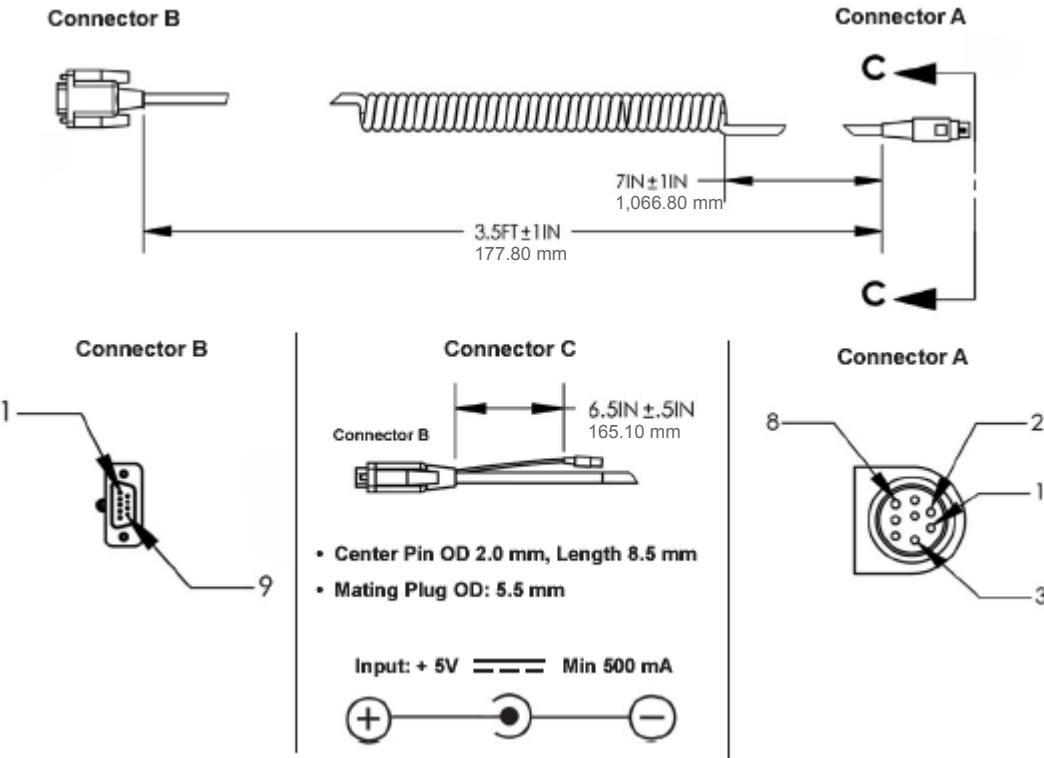


WIRING TABLE:

CONN A	NAME	WIRE	COLOR	CONN B
1	V+	24AWG	RED	1
2	NC			
3	NC			
4	D+	28AWG	GREEN (TWISTED)	3
5	D-	28AWG	WHITE (TWISTED)	2
6	NC			
7	NC			
8	GND	24AWG	BLACK	4
SHELL	—	DRAIN	BARE	SHELL



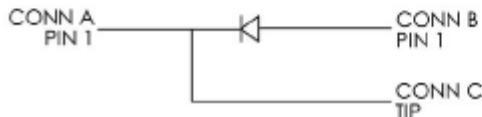
RS-232 Cable Pinouts



WIRING DIAGRAM:

CONN A	NAME	WIRE	COLOR	CONN B	WIRE	COLOR	CONN C
1	NC	24AWG	RED	1	24AWG	RED	TIP
2	TX	28AWG	BROWN	2			
3	RX	28AWG	ORANGE	3			
4	NC						
5	NC						
6	NC						
7	NC						
8	GND	24AWG	BLACK	5	24AWG	BLACK	RING
9	NC						
SHELL	—	DRAIN	BARE	SHELL			

* SEE WIRING DIAGRAM BELOW FOR CONN A PIN 1, CONN B PIN 1 AND CONN C TIP



Appendix C — Mobile Hawk Maintenance

The Mobile Hawk provides reliable and efficient operation with a minimum of care. Although specific maintenance is not required, the following periodic checks ensure dependable operation.

Cleaning the Mobile Hawk Window

The Mobile Hawk has a clear, anti-reflective coated optical window that protects the Mobile Hawk illumination system and optics. The window should be clean to allow optimum performance. The Mobile Hawk uses technology that is much like a digital camera, and marks or debris on the window will interfere with image captures. Avoid touching the coated surface, as fingerprints may impede decode performance.

In many cases the window can be cleaned by wiping with a lint-free lens cloth to remove dust, debris, and fingerprints. Care should be taken not to apply too much pressure, as a trapped particle may scratch the window.

If cleaning of the window becomes necessary, follow this procedure:

- Use a minimal amount of Isopropyl Alcohol to dampen. Do not saturate the surface, as this may cause streaking.
- Drag the moistened cotton swab, cotton ball, or soft, clean cloth across the coated surface. Do not rub.
- Repeat this procedure until no contaminants remain.

Note: Many products designed for cleaning plastic lens eyewear, such as pre-moistened towelettes or lens cloths, can be used to clean the Mobile Hawk window.

Cleaning the Mobile Hawk Housing

If the housing becomes dirty, clean it with a soft, non-abrasive cloth that has been moistened with water. A mild detergent may be used to clean the housing, but the detergent should then be rinsed away with a water-moistened cloth.

Caution: Do not submerge the Mobile Hawk in water. The housing is not watertight. Do not use abrasive cloths or tissues on the Mobile Hawk window — abrasive cloths or tissues may scratch the window.